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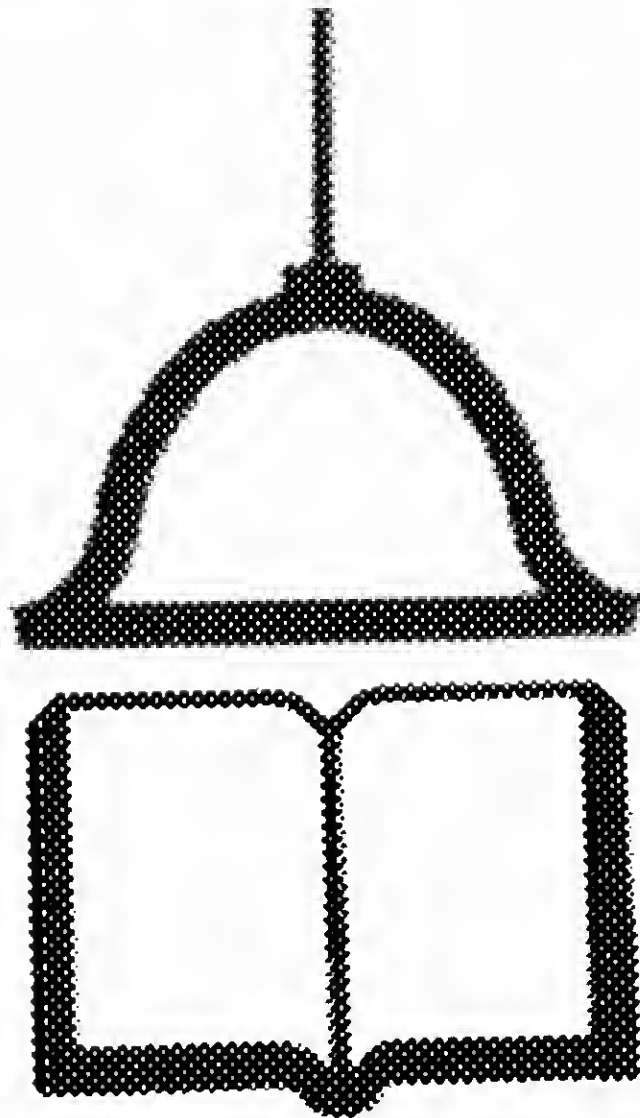
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Bridgeview Village Board Meeting - December 30, 1998

By Jude Coyle

The Village Board Meeting of December 30, 1998 was called to order by Clerk Anne Cusack at 7:12 p.m. Mayor Oremus was in the hospital. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. but was delayed until Attorney Dean Krone could arrive. In attendance were Trustees Michael J. Pucek, Joseph J. Kaput, Wayne F. Grabinski, Norma J. Pino, Steve Landek and Jeffrey S. Guidish. In Mayor Oremus's absence, Trustee Guidish assumed the role of Mayor Pro Temp.

The first matter of business had to do with Mortgage Revenue Bonds. Under 'Home Rule' villages can offer their employees mortgages at lower interest rates. The State has approved the same benefit for village and city employees. It would be necessary to apply to the

state to be allowed to participate in the program. Once granted permission, if Bridgeview decided to participate, they would be able to purchase bonds for that purpose, just as they would for other issues. Mortgages would be handled by banks who have agreed to act as agents for the state. This was put before the board for approval. Trustee Landek excluded himself from the vote because he is an employee of Bridgeview National Bank. The vote carried. In the mayor's absence, Trustee Guidish was given authorization, if necessary, to sign the necessary documents. They have to be filed first thing on the morning of January 4, in Springfield in order to assure the Village approval.

Two letters of understanding had been received by the

Village from the Firefighters' Union. Points of contention not resolved up to this point concerning the contract that had been signed in September have now been worked out. A minimum number of man hours are required on each shift. When there aren't enough firefighters on duty, the village is required to call back as many as necessary. A list of lieutenants and firefighters has been developed, and the village and the union agreed how this list should be used. The second letter had to do with call backs dealing with sick leave.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, at 7:30 p.m. Representatives from Media One will discuss their new fibre optic equipment with the board.



Burbank's Holiday Gift Drive ruled a success

The Burbank Chamber of Commerce's "Annual Holiday/Gift Drive" was a huge success. The Chamber delivered to 25 families. Each received a turkey, several large boxes of food, a gift certificate, fresh fruit and bread along with wrapped gifts for all the children in the family.

Pictured from left: Chamber Director Caroline Aikala (Aloha Aikala Travel), six student volunteers from Queen of Peace H.S., Alika Aikala (back) and Chamber VP Jim Rokaitis.

Teen births drop to ten year low

Illinois teenagers are having fewer babies, continuing the downward trend of the past decade that has seen the percentage of babies born to girls 19 years of age and younger fall to the lowest level since 1988, according to figures released by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Of the 180,649 births to Illinois women in 1997, 12.5 percent, or 22,646, were to teenaged girls, down from 12.7 percent in 1996 and the lowest since 12.5 percent was recorded ten years ago.

The most recent study of American teens, released in

1997, found that sexual activity among teenagers dropped for the first time since the government began tracking the information in 1970. Fifty percent of teen-age girls had sex in 1995, down from 55 percent in 1990. The rate for teenage boys dropped from 60 percent in 1988 to 55 percent in 1995.

Researchers believe that more teens are postponing sexual activity because of better school sex education, a concern about the consequences of having a child and the fear of HIV infection and AIDS.

Among teens who are sexually active, the federal study said teenagers who have sex are more likely to use contraceptives, particularly condoms.

In 1997 in Illinois, there were 9,104 babies born to girls 17 years of age and younger, 40 percent of all teen births. Births to 18 and 19 year olds totaled 13,542. In 1996, there were 9,422 babies born to teens 17 years of age or younger, and 13,909 to 18 and 19 year olds.

Laurence students help at Pilsen Soup Kitchen

As part of its Edmund Outreach Program, students from St. Laurence High School assist volunteers at a soup kitchen in the Pilsen neighborhood on Chicago's southwest side. Each Friday, a group of students from all grade levels, accompanied by Moderator Br. Charles McKenna, go to St. Pius Catholic Church located at

19th and Ashland Avenue.

Their duties include helping prepare the hall for the meal, setting up the prepared food for distribution, and serving the meal to the hungry and homeless people that come to the facility. Afterwards, the area is cleaned and swept. On a typical day between 75-125 people will be served. Unfortunately for

some, this will be their only nutritious meal of the day.

This student activity is an element of St. Laurence's Edmund Outreach Program, where Christian work is put into action. This philosophy of caring for the poor is an integral part of the Christian Brothers of Ireland's way of life.

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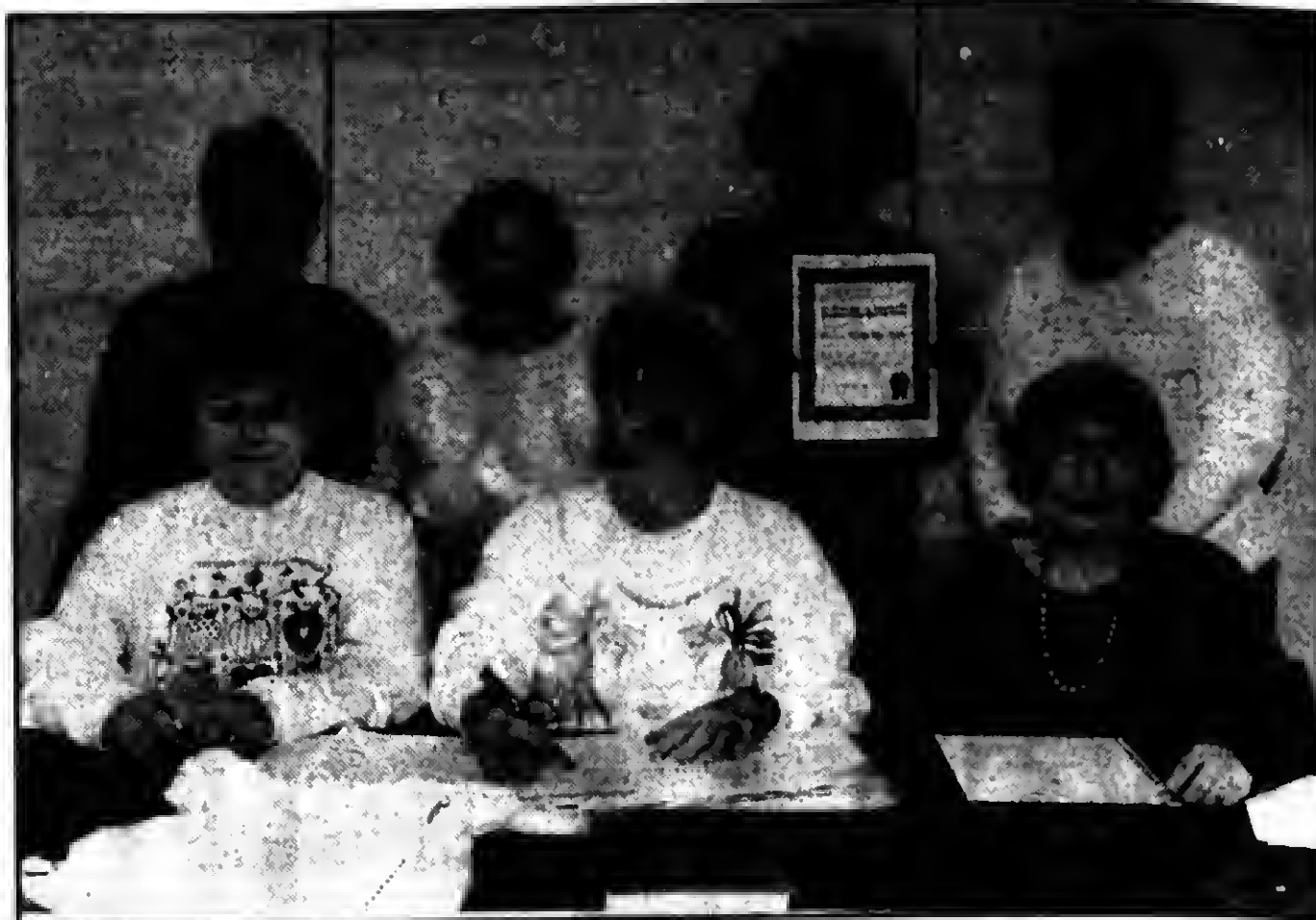
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ManorCare holds presentation for older adults care options

ManorCare Health Services, PLOWS Council on Aging and The Orland Park Township is holding a special panel presentation on Tuesday, January 19, at ManorCare Health Services, 11860 Southwest Highway, in Palos Heights. The panel will discuss the needs of older persons and resources available to them in the Southwest Suburban communities. Six local agencies, which provide care to seniors, will have representatives on hand to discuss the types of programs and services available to help the caregiver.

Debt be not Proud

The Bridgeview Public Library presents Katherine Reuter's Credit Card Smarts Wednesday, January 13 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ms. Reuter is a home economist affiliated with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service who provides expertise in, among other things, "money and resource management, consumer fraud, and consumer economics." Credit Card Smarts is designed specifically to answer questions about credit cards, credit bureaus, credit fraud, and credit debt in general. The Bridgeview Public Library is located at 7840 W. 79th St., Bridgeview, telephone 708-458-2880.



Sitting left to right: Mary Lou Harker, Lorrie Cartolano, and Julie Barker; (standing left to right): Annette Dixon, founder; Rose Stella, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Toni Al-Hamad

Majewski honored at Italian American Women's Club meeting

Recently an executive meeting was held for the Italian American Women's Club in order to conduct business not normally discussed at regular meetings.

Mary Lou Harker made a motion to keep using the present meeting room at the Oak Lawn Library and Toni Al-Hamad second it. The group meets every second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m. in the Oak Lawn Library's Rotary Room.

Anthony Sorrentino, retired executive director of the Joint Civic Italian American Organization of Chicago, gave a speech at the December meeting re-

garding the Sociological behavior of Italians in the Taylor and Halsted community from 1890 - 1940's. His description of regions in Italy and Sicily was most informative.

Several issues were tabled until a full membership of 14 will be in attendance for the January meeting.

Annette Dixon, founder of the Italian American Women's Club presented Gloria Alitto Majewski with an achievement award honoring her for being the first Italian American woman to be elected four terms to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and serving as the first woman chairperson of the Finance Commit-

tee. The organization's primary purpose is to promote Italian American Women and Gloria Alitto Majewski is the first member to be awarded with an achievement.

Ms. Majewski thanked the members and stated she will cherish the award by hanging it up in her office at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

All new members are invited to attend the January meeting. Annette Dixon stated, "We look forward to having more Italian women join our southside group."

For more information call Annette Dixon at 708-423-9754.

Midway Champlain authors book of inspiration



Father George McKenna

"I'll only speak for three minutes" refers not only to Father George McKenna's announcement as he begins his homilies during the Masses he says every weekend at Our Lady of Loreto Chapel at Chicago's Midway Airport, but is also the title of Father's recently released book.

Father McKenna celebrated the tenth anniversary

of the Chapel in July. Although technically retired, Father continues to serve as the airport chaplain, ministering to travelers, airport employees and a devoted following from neighboring communities.

After 54 years in the priesthood, Father McKenna believes that brevity and relevance were keys to preaching success. His well-known and much appreciated three-minute homilies encourage people everywhere to love God and others. He provides simple and creative approaches that can make a heartfelt difference in a person's daily life.

Erin O'Donnell, Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Midway Airport, stated, "I would like to thank Father McKenna for providing Midway Airport employees

and the traveling public a forum for worship at the airport. We greatly appreciate his many contributions over the years and look forward to his continued spiritual guidance in the future." Captain Jack Huffman, a pilot at Southwest Airlines said "Father George gives incredible homilies, two or three minutes of love, kindness, generosity and spirituality."

Father McKenna often draws inspiration for his homilies from the twenty pilgrimages he has made to the Holy Land and his numerous visits to Paris, France and Italy. During his free time, Father McKenna enjoys playing golf. He is the Seven-Time Senior Golf champion of the Retired Priests of Chicago Association.

A unique collection of

three dozen uplifting homilies, "I'll Only Speak for 3 Minutes" offers comfort and guidance in coping with the trials of daily life. The \$10.95 paperback is the first volume of a proposed series of books written by Father McKenna to be released by the publisher. It is available directly from VCA Publishing by calling (toll-free) 1-888-468-3342 or by visiting Father McKenna's web site at www.govedic.com/mckenna.html.



Reservations being accepted for campsites

Reservations for the 1999 camping season for Department of Natural Resources campsites, group campsites and picnic shelters may be made by mail beginning Jan. 2 and in person beginning Feb. 1, Director Brent Manning announced.

"The reservation program for 20 campgrounds and dozens of picnic shelters throughout Illinois offers families and groups an opportunity to plan ahead for the busy outdoor recreation season," Manning said.

No telephone reservations are accepted. In person reservations will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

A daily lottery will be conducted for mail-in reservations. Up to six mail-in reservations per envelope, per person will be accepted for campsites or shelters. Camping groups may mail more than six reservations per envelope as long as no more than six are for one individual.

A reservation fee must be paid at the time reservations are made. Once a reservation is confirmed, the fee is non-

refundable unless the IDNR closes an area due to storm damage or other reasons.

In addition to regular camping fees and utility fees payable upon arrival at the site, regular campsites and group campsites require a \$5 reservation fee at the time the reservation is made. At Starved Rock State Park, the first night's camping and utility fee plus \$5 will be the reservation fee. Payment of the first night's camping and utility fees guarantee that the reservation will be held until 3 p.m. the following day. Shelter reservation fees are \$20.

Campsites can be reserved for a maximum of 14 nights, and reservations should be made at least seven days before the campsite is needed. Reserved campsites will be held until 10 p.m., after which the site will be offered to other campers on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends require a minimum three-day reservation for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Orbie's International Café to host Gathering After Hours

Small Business Owners, entrepreneurs and those involved in the burgeoning small business economic environment of the South Suburban area are invited to attend the South Suburban Small Business Association Gathering After Hours, Wednesday, January 13, 1999. Orbie's International Café, 525 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois, will host the event from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The hosting business is looking forward to welcoming SSSBA members and guests, and will serve up a great selection of appetizers prepared for the event. This is an opportunity to participate in business-to-business networking, to learn more about the SSSBA's work to strengthen the region's business climate and economic health. Door prizes will be featured throughout the evening.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the SSSBA office at (708)849-0098, by January 11, 1999.



VFW Post 5220 provide pizza party for Vets

On Saturday, December 5, 1998, a group from the Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn, went to the Manteno Veteran's Hospital to provide a pizza party for the Veterans. Twenty pizzas and 12 cases of soda were distributed by (back row) Chester Zielinski, Commander, Jack Hunt who played organ music, Justin McCree, Ross Rocco and Roy Bemis; (front row) Beverly Zielinski, Lillian Bemis, Auxiliary President and Bill Hewitt. The Veterans look forward to this treat several times a year.

Reverend Bernice A King to keynote interfaith breakfast

Mayor Richard M. Daley will host the 13th Annual reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Interfaith Breakfast at the Hilton Chicago and Towers on January 14, 1999 at 8 a.m. Chicago's diverse religious community will join corporate and civic leaders to celebrate the birth date of Dr. King, which is January 15th, and to honor his life and life's work.

Delivering the keynote address will be the Reverend Bernice A. King, youngest daughter of Coretta Scott King and the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bernice King is remembered mostly as the five-year-old in the Pulitzer Prize winning photograph taken as she lay in her mother's lap during her father's funeral. She also has the distinction of delivering the keynote address during the City of Chicago's very first Interfaith Breakfast in 1987, which was hosted by the late Mayor

Harold Washington.

Scheduled to appear on the program are Reverend Dr. Johnnie A. Coleman, Pastor of the Christ Universal Temple, Reverend Clay Evans, Pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Bishop Ki Hun Kim of the Chicago Family Church, Monsignor John J. Egan, Assistant to the President for Community Affairs at DePaul University, Bishop Cody Marshall, Presiding Prelate of the Northern Illinois Jurisdiction C.O.G.I.C., Reverend Daniel Matos-Real, President of the Coalition of Latin American Ministers, and Rabbi Michael Balinsky, President of the Chicago Board of Rabbis.

For more information, contact the mayor's Office of Special Events at (312) 744-3315. The TTY number for hearing-impaired persons is (312) 744-2964.

Nutrition Network serves the needs of senior shut-ins

Oak Lawn Community Nutrition Network, located at 9420 S. 52 Ave., Oak Lawn, is one of 17 meal sites throughout suburban Cook County serving the needs of suburban senior shut-ins. They serve approximately 2,500 meals per day, Monday through Friday, and deliver to Oak Lawn and Hometown.

This program relies entirely upon volunteers to deliver the meals. All of their volunteers happen to senior citizens. In many cases, the volunteer is the only person the homebound senior sees all day.

The Nutrition Network is seeking people who are willing to volunteer one hour a day, one day a week. Their reward will be helping those who can no longer help themselves. A few minutes to chat with a volunteer really brightens the day of homebound seniors.

If you are interested in volunteering a little time, please call Marie Arrigoni at (708) 422-5180.

Seniors on the Move at Bridgeview Park

Winter no longer has to mean cabin fever for senior citizens. Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, new Seniors on the Move Club which begins Monday, February 1 offers the opportunity to not only meet new friends but also to get a good aerobic workout on a regular basis.

Adults 50 years and older may register for this program in which they may jog or walk around the indoor heated track at a time reserved especially for them on Mondays and Fridays from 9 - 10:30 a.m.

The fee for this 13-week club which includes a special "Seniors on the Move" tee shirt is \$10 for district and \$20 for non-district. Eli-

gible Park District pass holders who would like to use the track during this time may purchase a Club tee shirt for \$5.00.

Five dollars of the club fee may be applied to a "Walking Track Pass" if it is purchased by May 1, 1999.

Preregistration for this club fee may be applied to a "Walking Track Pass" if it is purchased by May 1, 1999.

Participants may walk the track on these days and times through April 28 as their schedule and life style permit.

For more information regarding Bridgeview Park District's new Seniors on the Move Club, call 708-594-1818.

Shaw's Crab House features menu for two

Shaw's Crab House, 21 E. Hubbard Street in Chicago, will offer a special Valentine's Day menu guaranteed to arouse the sense of taste, and especially touch, from Thursday, February 11, through Sunday, February 14. Shaw's sensual Valentine's Day menu, designed to be shared by two, will feature all items that can be savored without using utensils including a Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail, 1 pound Whole Maine Lobster, 1-1/4 pound Alaskan Crab Legs, and, of course, a decadent Chocolate Lovers dessert for two. Two glasses of sparkling wine accompany dinner.

Shaw's special Valentine's Day weekend menu is priced at \$39.95 per person (excluding tax and gratuity). For reservations, call Shaw's Crab House at (312) 527-2722. Shaw's, an American seafood establishment, specializes in a full range of fresh seafood and seasonal offerings.

OLCA sponsors Celebration of Christian Unity

The Oak Lawn Clergy Association (OLCA) is sponsoring its Second Annual Celebration of Christian Unity on Sunday, January 17, 1999 at 3 p.m. at the

Oak Lawn Community Church Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Avenue.

For more information contact: Celebration of Christian Unity Chair, Rev. Cynthia Munker, Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10400 S. Kostner Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, (708) 423-6554.

Hilton cosponsors Wedding Faire and Fashion Show

The Oak Lawn Hilton will cosponsor a Wedding Faire and Fashion Show on Tuesday, January 19, 1999. Doors open at 5 p.m.; First Fashion Show at 6:15 p.m., Second Fashion Show at 8:15 p.m.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than fifty exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes and take a tour of the hotel suites and Tower Room. Every person touring the suites

receives a chance to win a complimentary overnight

stay in the Deluxe Jacuzzi Bedroom Suite. Special discounts are available to show attendees. Book any one of the Hotel's three Honeymoon Packages the night of the Bridal Show to receive a 20% discount.

The grand prize, two all inclusive Honeymoon Dream Vacations to one of the fabulous Sandals Resorts in Jamaica is provided by Sandals Resort and Janis Anne Travel, Inc. This prize

will be given away to one lucky bride after each Wedding Show. Airfare is not included. Winner must be present to win.

An express menu will be available in Whitney's restaurant from 4 - 6 p.m. The Hilton Gift Shoppe will be open until 8 p.m.

Call 708-229-8850 and receive two free tickets to the show, while supplies last. Admission charge the night of the show \$5.00.



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Born on the 5-14-23 of any month: Karma wears a man's face, a kind and gentle face of someone who wants to help You get well, be happier and more loving too.

Born on the 6-15-24 of any month: You could become inspired to write, such as poetry, novels, etc. Expression is a Karma thing too, the written word works!

Born on the 7-16-25 of any month: Someone M says that they will help you, so, take the help. It may be their Karma to offer and yours to accept the offer. Say "Yes."

Born on the 8-17-26 of any month: Yes you can say "No" and mean it. Say "No" to eating too much, drinking too much or whatever is "too much"...be Moderate.

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Sheriff issues warning regarding telephone fund-raising scam

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan is warning citizens throughout the county to beware of over-the-phone solicitations from callers claiming to represent the Sheriff's Office.

Sheahan issued the warning after his office received numerous complaints about telephone solicitations by individuals seeking cash donations for various antidrug efforts, including the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. The DARE program in Cook County is funded entirely by the Sheriff's Office and does not rely on any fund-raising monies.

"The public should know that there is no employee in the Sheriff's Office authorized to solicit money over the phone for any department program," Sheahan said.

Police and fire departments throughout the county have reported receiving numerous complaints regarding similar unauthorized solicitations. Those making the solicitations often identify themselves as members of law enforcement agencies, such as the Cook County

Sheriff's Office or fraternal police organizations.

While some police unions law enforcement groups hire telemarketing firms to conduct fund-raising campaigns over the phone, sheriffs deputies and most law enforcement officers from other agencies are strictly forbidden to make any solicitations for donations while acting in an official capacity.

According to Sheriff's Police investigators, most of the "scam" callers claim they are seeking cash donations for programs aimed at fighting drug abuse among the young. They then offer to come personally to the home to pick up the payment. In some cases, the solicitors have asked the victims to tape the cash donation to their doors for pick up later that evening.

"You should be suspicious of any caller that asks for money," Sheahan said. "No matter how legitimate or worthy a cause might sound, never make a cash donation based solely on a phone conversation with an unfamiliar caller."



Christian Women's Club will host luncheon

The "January Clearance" luncheon, sponsored by the Beverly South Christian Women's Club, will take place on Thursday, January 21, noon, at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., in Hickory Hills.

Please bring a new gift to participate in the annual gift exchange. All gifts must be new and a good rule of thumb is to bring something you would like to receive yourself. Donna SenBar, guest speaker from Joliet, will share the valuable bargain she found! The cost is \$9, all inclusive, and free "on-the-premises" child care is provided.

Please call Marcella at (708) 430-5062 for reservations.

Christ Hospital offers Change Your Weigh program

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, will offer a free introductory session to "Change Your Weight," an eight-week program designed to help participants achieve a fit body through a healthy life-style. A free introductory session will be held on Wednesday, January 27 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the hospital.



Village Clerk donates \$200 to Pantry Coalition

Recently Evergreen Park Village Clerk James Sexton donated \$200 to the Village Pantry Coalition to be used for needy families in the Village.

Pictured is Ann Dykstra, President of the Village Pantry Coalition, receiving a check for the Village Pantry from Village Clerk James Sexton.

This popular program provides participants with information on nutrition, exercise, behavior modification and life-style changes needed for eight management. It features individualized meal planning, techniques for lowering fat intake and weekly nutrition updates.

Cost for the eight-week program is \$150 per person, payable at the end of the first session. The program will continue on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through March 24. To register for the free introductory session or for more information about the program, contact Christ Hospital's Health Advisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE



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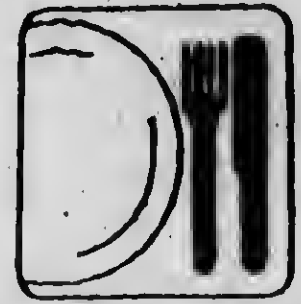
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New Year's a good beginning

New Year's Eve has been traditionally a time for "cutting loose," sending the old year on its way and beckoning the incoming year with noise, fun, and hilarity. Parties, noisemaking, ringing bells, carousing, eating, drinking, and dancing have been part of the American year-end celebration.

In ancient cultures, the new year was the time when evil spirits of the previous years were banished, paving the way for the good forces of the coming year. In certain European countries witches were expelled between Christmas and New Year's. In Russia a housewife would beat the corners of her house to evict Satan. Hooting, drums, tin pan beating horns, noisemakers, all were part of the ancient expulsion ceremony.

For some, New Year's Eve is more solemnly regarded as Watch Night. Dating back to a Methodist custom started in 1770, many churches hold services early in the evening and then receive participants afterwards with refreshments and conversation.

Do-Ahead Colorful Potatoes

Total preparation and cooking time: 50 minutes

- 1 package (22 ounces) frozen mashed potatoes
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions with tops
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Chopped green onion, for garnish

1. Heat oven to 425°. Prepare potatoes according to package directions using 2 cups milk. Stir in sour cream, horseradish and pepper.
2. Meanwhile in small skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat; add red bell pepper and cook two to three minutes until tender. Stir in 1/2 cup green onions. Add

New Year's Sparkler

- 2 32-ounce bottles cranberry juice cocktail
- 1 6 ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 pint vodka (optional)
- 2 7-ounce bottles carbonated water, chilled

Combine cranberry juice cocktail, orange juice concentrate, and sugar; stir till sugar dissolves. Chill well. To serve, pour juice mixture into pitcher or punch bowl; add vodka, if desired. Carefully pour carbonated water down side of container. Serve over ice. Makes 24 (4-ounce) servings.



Busy Day Peach Cobbler

Filling

- 2 (21-ounce) cans peach pie filling
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Topping

- 3 tablespoons sugar

Cobbler

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup butter, chilled
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 egg, slightly beaten

1. Heat oven to 400°. In large bowl stir together pie filling and nutmeg until well mixed. Pour into ungreased 13 x 9 inch baking pan.
2. In medium bowl stir together flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, baking powder and salt. With pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until crumbly. With fork stir in milk and egg just until moistened. Spoon mixture over filling in pan; sprinkle with 3 tablespoons sugar.
3. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly around edges. Serve warm with half and half, whipped cream or ice cream, if desired.



Pickled Shrimp Appetizer

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| 2 pounds fresh or frozen shrimp in the shells or 1 1/4 pounds shelled shrimp | 1 1/2 cups cooking oil |
| Boiling water | 3/4 cup white wine vinegar |
| 1/2 cup celery leaves | 1 tablespoon sugar |
| 1/4 cup mixed pickling spice | 1/2 teaspoon dried dillweed |
| 2 medium onions, sliced | 1/2 teaspoon mustard seed |
| | 3 medium tomatoes, cut in wedges |

Cover shrimp with boiling water; add celery leaves, spice, and 1 teaspoon salt. Cover and simmer 5 minutes; drain. Peel and devein shrimp in shells under cold water. Place shrimp and onions in deep bowl. Mix 1 teaspoon salt and remaining ingredients except tomatoes; pour over shrimp. Cover. Chill several hours or overnight; baste occasionally with marinade. Add tomatoes before serving. Serve in a bowl over ice. Makes about 5 cups.

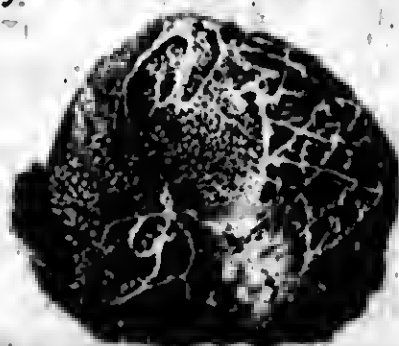
Party Chicken-Hamwiches

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| 12 slices firm-textured whole wheat bread | 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped |
| Butter, softened | 1/4 cup mayonnaise |
| 6 slices firm-textured white bread | 2 tablespoons finely chopped celery |
| Dijon-style mustard | 2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish |
| 1 4-ounce package thinly sliced ham | 1 tablespoon sliced green onion |
| 1 cup chopped cooked chicken or turkey | 1 teaspoon lemon juice |
| | 1/4 teaspoon salt |

Spread one side of whole wheat slices with butter; spread one side of white bread slices with mustard. Trim crusts. Divide ham among six slices whole wheat bread. Top with white bread, mustard side down. Combine chicken, eggs, mayonnaise, celery, relish, onion, lemon juice, and salt. Spread about 1/4 cup chicken mixture over each slice white bread. Cover each with slice of whole wheat bread, buttered side down (for a total of 6 sandwiches). Quarter sandwiches diagonally. Makes 24 party sandwiches.

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FORTY ONE? No, not my age! (Don't I wish) Forty one represents more than a month or five weeks of the number of theater seats I have occupied during the past year. I can't believe the number of hours I have been mesmerized by live actors on the stage. Musicals, comedies, dramas, and a few too difficult to categorize. From the Steppenwolf to Shakespeare Repertory to the Beverly Art Centre and the Oriental, to the Drury Lane Oak Brook, Marriott-Lincolnshire, Evergreen Park-Drury Lane and that is just in the Chicago area. A wide variety of venues from

the professional to community theater, the Auditorium to church basements and store fronts. Theater is alive and well.

A few of my favorites in 1998 were Shakespeare Repertory's Comedy of Errors, Hubbard Street Dance Company's Ballet, Wizard of Oz at Mother McAuley High School, Marriott-Lincolnshire Queen of the Stardust Ballroom, West Side Story at Drury Lane-Evergreen Park and all of the Steppenwolf Theater's productions: The Glass menagerie, The Berlin Circle and The Man Who Came To Dinner. Mercury Theater's "His Way, Frank Sinatra" (still running), Ain't Misbehavin', Evergreen Park Drury Lane, ART the 1998 Tony Award Winner, described as zestful, superbly acted, exceptionally amusing by the Sun-Times, at the Royal-George Theater. Now that Christmas has passed, I will be heading for warmer climes wishing you a happy new year. ALOHA!

Local resident receives a special award

Maria High School invites you to a special evening at Snowball '99. Maria's third annual gala benefit will take place on January 23, 1999 and will honor Marquette Park resident, Sister Marilyn Kuzmickus. Sr. Marilyn, Past General Superior of Sisters of St. Casimir, will receive the Maria Kaupas Award. The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park and include cocktails, dinner and dancing. The event also includes a Live and Silent Auction.

The Maria High School Board of Directors gives the Maria Kaupas Award annually to an individual who upholds and exemplifies the

mission and values of Maria High School. By witnessing responsibly to the Christian values of caring and community, Sr. Marilyn has become an inspiration to many.

In addition to her role on Maria's Board, Sr. Marilyn has brought dedication and devotion to the very demanding role of General Superior for the past ten years. Her loving and compassionate care for the elderly sisters in the congregation and her concern for the neighborhood have made it obvious where her heart is.

For additional information on Snowball '99 or to purchase tickets, please call 773/925-8686, extension 16.

Court Theatre presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, warms up the winter with one of William Shakespeare's most beloved comedies "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Hungarian director László Marton stages this magical and whimsical production, with performances beginning January 15 and continuing through February 21.

In the four hundred years since "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was first performed, the nature of productions has varied wildly. The experience of the fairies, their king and queen, and the mechanicals has changed from generation to generation. In Mr. Marton's production, he examines the conflict between love and desire, masculine and feminine, truth and fantasy. It highlights gender and class distinctions, explores the various colors and manifestations of sexual love and celebrates multiculturalism in ways our Victorian fore-runners could never have imagined.

The cast is led by a group of distinguished actors. Playing the fairy queen and king are Lisa Dodson and

Michael Chaban. Ms. Dodson is a Court 1998-99 resident artist and last appeared at Court in the repertory productions of "The Philadelphia Story" as Liz and "Tartuffe" as Elmire, for which she was nominated for a Jeff Award. She most recently appeared as Beatrice in Shakespeare Rep's "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Comedy of Errors." Mr. Chaban has appeared in "The Brothers Karamazov" at the Rep Theatre of St. Louis/Cincinnati Playhouse, and at Arena Stage in numerous productions including "Summer and Smoke," "Pygmalion," "Twelfth Night," "The Skin of Our Teeth," among others. His television and movie credits include "Contact" and "Homicide: Life on the Street."

On Friday, February 5, Court Theatre serves another satisfying evening of fine dining and entertaining theater with its popular Theater Entrance Night. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., theatergoers will meet for dinner, joined by members of Court's artistic staff at Trattoria Parma restaurant, located at 400 N. Clark Street. Trattoria Parma

serves rustic, regional Italian cuisine from all 20 regions of Italy, featuring antipasti, hearty pastas, flavorful entrees, and exquisite desserts served in a relaxed Italian countryhouse setting. Following the meal, guests will board a luxury coach bus and participate in a pre-show discussion as they travel to the theater for a special performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." After the performance, cast members will conduct a post-play discussion during the return trip to the restaurant. Tickets for Theater Entrance Night are \$66 per person and include complete gourmet dinner, theater admission and transportation. For reservations, please call the Court Theatre Box Office at 773-753-4472.

The performance schedule is as follows: Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances are Saturdays at 3 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$22.00 to \$26.00. For more information or to purchase tickets call 773-753-4472.



Resident Flora Dawson

Seniors touch the hearts of children

Residents of Rest Haven Central in Palos Heights enjoy reaching out to children across the country. Love Letters is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the support of children with long term and catastrophic illnesses. This support is in the form of letters, cards and gifts sent to brighten their days and to let them know that someone is thinking about them.

The mission of Love Letters is to bring smiles into the lives of over 1200 medically fragile children across the United States. All of these children experience many painful, sad, depressing and lonely days of treatment and hospital stays. Many cannot attend school or participate in all the things kids their age are doing. Rest Haven Central residents help make a difference in their lives by celebrating their birthday, and remembering them during holidays. Love Letters even celebrates Christmas twice a year because these kids need a little Christmas all year round.

For more information contact John Evers, Community Relations Coordinator at 708-239-4911 or visit their web site at www.resthaven.com

At The Oak Lawn Library.....

Virtual Visits to The Oak Lawn Library

You can now visit the Oak Lawn Library on-line. Just log on to the Library's Home Page (www.lib.oaklawn.il.us) and you will be able to get information about materials, services, programs and events as well as hundreds of useful links (including one to The Village View).

Oak Lawn residents can also submit brief and factual questions to the reference librarians via the Home Page. The service is available to non-residents only if they have a specific question about Oak Lawn History. Click on "ask a Librarian" in the Reference Services section, fill out the electronic form and submit. Complete contact information must be provided to ensure a reply. Responses will usually be returned within 24 hours, Monday-Friday, during the library's regular business hours.

"Open Mike" Readings at Oak Lawn Library

Poets, writers, and people who enjoy listening to original creative works are invited to attend an "Open Mike Short Story and Poetry Reading 1pm-3pm Saturday, January 16 at the Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St. The program takes place in the lower level meeting room, admission is free and seating is on a first come, first seated basis.

The "Open Mike" program is a chance for you to read your best piece and meet up with others who have similar interests. The following time limits apply: poems/five minutes, Short stories/ten minutes.

For more information, call the Oak Lawn Library at 708-422-4990.

Internet demonstration at Oak Lawn Library

Sylvia Jenkins of the Moraine Valley Community College Learning Resource Center will present an on-line demonstration and teach the key terms and basic principles of Internet searches on Thursday, January 21 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

The demonstration takes place in the lower level meeting room. The admission is free and handouts will be available but there will be no hands-on instruction.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

A Cappella groups perform

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a two-part, A Capella music program Sunday, January 17 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., at 2 p.m.

The program opens with "The Park West Chorus," a Sweet Adeline group and finishes with "The Barber Chords," a Barbershop Quartet from the Oak Lawn Barbershop Chapter.

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Resolutions

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Though the resolutions we make will test our will power, it is our search for inner peace that will cause us to spend millions of dollars a year on books to help us get in touch with our spiritual side. But if we're wise, we know that inner peace cannot be found in the pages of a book. Its meaning can only be discovered through the thoughtful deeds we do for others. They say, the more love you give, the more you receive, so as we enter this brand new year - let's celebrate the choices that are ours to make.

Let's believe with all our hearts that we can make a difference in the world around us. And whether we stick to our self proclaimed resolutions or not, let's keep in mind that inside each of us is the power to make a difference in someone else's life. It is in doing for others that we receive the greatest reward.

Ten Ways to Make a Difference

1. Look inside to see the beauty you possess. You have the light to brighten someone's day.
2. Lend an ear to someone who needs to talk. You have the patience to help ease someone's troubles.
3. Open your heart to someone in need of love. You have the strength to mend a broken heart.
4. Live your life as you want to live it. You have the choice to live in your own self image.
5. Share your dreams with those you love. You have the power to make them come true.
6. Give yourself credit for what you achieve. You have the right to be proud of yourself.
7. Be observant to the child that lives within you. It is with this wisdom that you stay young at heart.
8. Make memories that will last forever. They are the key to a meaningful life.
9. Make your life something worthwhile. It is the most precious thing you own.
10. Never stop trying to be the best you can be. You have the courage to reach your goals.

Mt. Carmel News

Mount Carmel High School will hold its entrance examination for eighth grade boys on Saturday, January 9th, beginning at 8 a.m. There is no preregistration required. Students are asked to bring a \$20 testing fee and two no. 2 pencils. Transportation is available. For transportation information, call Tony Manville at 773-324-1020 ext. 61.

Mount Carmel senior Matthew Brewer enjoyed a special Christmas present this year when he received news of his acceptance into Harvard University. For Brewer, the founding president of SPIRIT, a student organization at Mount Carmel dedicated to promoting appreciation for diversity, this acceptance culminates an impressive first year in which he also has been honored as a "Future Leader of Chicago" and as Mount Carmel's "Student of the Month."

Mount Carmel students showed appreciation for the true meaning of Christmas in a special charity drive during Advent. Carmel students donated nearly \$3,000 along with over 1700 cans of food and 800 items of warm clothing for the poor.

Support groups meets at library

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet promptly at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Come and share your feelings and how you cope with Fibromyalgia, and talk to someone who knows how you feel. For additional information, call Colette at 708-857-7478.



St. Laurence students donate food

Students at St. Laurence High School responded in impressive fashion this Christmas season as they donated a variety of items to "Holiday Food Drive '98." The drive was sponsored by "Vikings for Christian Service," a branch of the school's "Edmund Outreach Program." During this season of giving, students also helped collect food throughout the city of Burbank, which was then delivered to the Burbank Chamber of Commerce for distribution to needy families in the community. Pictured sorting food items and preparing it for delivery to the Burbank Chamber are (l-r): Ricky Sanchez, Tim Petrouski, Vince Bertucci, and Scott Soprych.

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Maria High School Heart of the School Award

Every year, Maria High School nominates a faculty member for the Heart of the School Award, sponsored by the Office of Catholic Education. This year's winner was Mrs. Bettyann Zavallos, teacher of Math and Psychology. Mrs. Zavallos is the Sophomore Class Moderator. She has been teaching at Maria for six years.

Mrs. Zavallos is a long-time resident of Brighton Park. She received her As-

sociate of Arts at Daley College, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Roosevelt University and her Master of Arts in Psychology at Governors State University. She started as a substitute teacher at St. Agnes School. Mrs. Zavallos then taught third grade at Sacred Heart of Jesus School, and junior high teacher at St. Michael the Archangel.

"Mrs. Zavallos is a great teacher. She cares about her students and always makes

herself available to each of us," stated Sophomore Rosalyn King.

Mrs. Zavallos is very proud to be a teacher at a Catholic school with a remarkable staff and especially working with her true motivators-her students. "Teaching for me is an extremely rewarding profession. It gives me an opportunity to try to make a difference in my students' lives," stated Mrs. Zavallos.



Zavallos pictured with students from one of her Psychology classes.

Traffic Safety Hints

Skidding out of control on snow and ice is one of the most dangerous hazards of winter driving. Skidding already has resulted in injuries and fatalities this winter.

Q. What should I do if my car starts to skid?

A. Ease off the accelerator — but do not hit the brakes. Steer carefully in the direction you want the front of the car to go, and straighten the wheel as soon as the car begins to go in that direction.

Q. What can I do to avoid skidding?

A. Slow down and increase your following distance to allow more time to stop. Stopping distances on ice can be as much as ten times greater than on dry pavement.

When approaching a stop, apply the brakes to a point just short of lockup, and then ease off the brake pedal. Always apply brakes with a slow, steady pressure rather than "pumping" them.

If your car has anti-lock brakes, press firmly on the brake pedal. Do not pump the pedal or remove your foot from the brake. You will feel the brake pedal pulse back against your foot.

Avoid using cruise control and watch for slick spots, especially on bridges and overpasses. Because of lower temperatures, those areas can be slippery when roads are clear.

St. Rita announces entrance exam

St. Rita of Cascia High School will hold its entrance exam on Saturday morning, January 9, 1999, beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting until about 12 noon. Each student should bring with him at that time a \$20 test fee and two #2 pencils. Students should use the rear entrance. St. Rita is located at 7740 S. Western Ave. For more information, call Mr. Tony Kelly at 773/925-RITA or 925-5029.

St. Rita bids farewell to theology teacher

St. Rita of Cascia High School sadly bid farewell to Fr. Jerry VanOverbeek, O.S.A., at the all-school Christmas mass on December 14. Fr. Jerry has taught theology at St. Rita for over 16 years, also acting as the head of the department during that time. In his tenure at St. Rita, Fr. Jerry designed and taught "the best senior marriage and sexuality class I have ever seen," praised Fr. Michael O'Connor, O.S.A., school president.

Fr. VanOverbeek has accepted a post as a hospital chaplain in Georgetown University in Washington D.C. beginning in early January of 1999. He has been working part-time at Holy Cross hospital as chaplain for the past few years.

The students at St. Rita, especially the seniors, will truly miss "Fr. Beek," a great teacher and supporter. In a spontaneous response to a standing ovation at the mass, VanOverbeek reminded the students that "the faculty and staff learn so much from you everyday. Don't ever forget that."

Entrance exam at St. Laurence

St. Laurence High School will hold its entrance exam on Saturday, January 9 at 8 a.m. for eighth grade boys planning to pursue their secondary education at the Burbank school. St. Laurence is located at 77th & Central.

Students who are taking the test should enter at the north end of the building and report to the foyer area. Also,

students should bring two #2 pencils and a \$20.00 testing fee. No prior registration fee is required.

Academic scholarships will be awarded based on a student's test scores. Students scoring in the 90-99 percentile are eligible for scholarships ranging from \$800-\$2000. To be eligible, students must take the en-

trance exam at St. Laurence on January 9. Also, students who are sons of St. Laurence alumni are eligible for a grant in the amount of \$750.

More details on the entrance test and scholarships can be obtained by calling representatives in the St. Laurence Admissions Office at 708-458-6900, ext. 237.

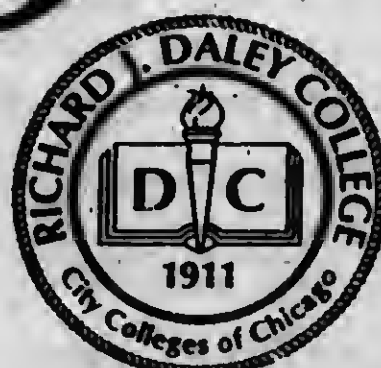
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Mt. Carmel Moms treat faculty

Mount Carmel's Mothers Club sponsored a "Faculty Appreciation Day" on Friday, December 11. Gail Moniuszko (left to right), Maureen Panatera, Mary Kay Collins, Teresa Hillstrom, and Mary Bax provided a breakfast of bagels and coffee cakes and a lunch of lasagna, Caesar salad, pasta and Italian Bread for the entire faculty. Other moms sent cookies, cupcakes and fudge for dessert. This was the third of five Faculty Appreciation days to be sponsored by the Mothers Club this year.

OCS Computer Club/Class resumes at Central Jr. High

Two 6-week computer courses have been approved by Evergreen Park School Board District #124 for Evergreen Park seniors. First session: Tuesday, January 19, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Second session: Tuesday, February 16, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Class size is limited to 24 students and is on a first come-first served basis. Fee for 6-week course is \$28. After the first class begins,

no refunds will be made.

If interested, register with Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park, Room 107. For further information phone 422-8776.

St. Xavier announces Assistantships in Learning Disabilities and Reading

St. Xavier University is now offering assistantships in the graduate Programs of Learning Disabilities and Reading. Assistantships include a tuition waiver for six semester hours of course work for both fall and spring semesters. The graduate assistant will spend eight to sixteen hours per week in activities at the Saint Xavier University S.T.A.R. Learning Academy. The deadline for application is January 5, 1999.

To qualify for an assistantship, a person must meet the following criteria: 1) acceptance in the Graduate Learning Disabilities or Graduate Reading program at Saint Xavier University (or completed program application); 2) current unemployment or underemployment; 3) demonstrated financial need; 4) strong academic record; 5) commitment to working with children in a diagnostic and remedial setting. The applicant must also provide two letters of recommenda-

tions other than those included in application to Saint Xavier's Graduate Education program (Learning Disabilities or Reading). Saint Xavier University's Master of Arts Program in learning Disabilities includes specialized courses in the identification, diagnosis, and remediation of learning disabled children. This program is planned for those wishing to prepare for, or who are already engaged in, teaching the learning disabled child. Course work in Behavior Disorders, Educable Mental handicaps and Early Childhood is also available. An interdisciplinary approach prepares graduates to assume specialized roles in the field of learning disabilities. By observation and practice in schools, agencies, and at the Saint Xavier University S.T.A.R. Learning Academy, students gain expertise needed to help the learning disabled child in special education setting and in the

regular classroom.

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The master's program in Learning Disabilities fulfills requirements for a Learning Disabilities certificate in the State of Illinois. The masters' program in reading leads to the Standard Special Certificate in Reading for the State of Illinois.

For information on the Saint Xavier University Learning Disabilities or Reading Program and assistantship opportunities, contact the S.T.A.R. Learning Academy at (773) 298-3485.

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St. Laurence names Three-on-Three All-Tournament team

St. Laurence High School varsity coach, Tom Pallardy, and members of his coaching staff, selected the All-Tournament team of this year's St. Laurence Grade School Three-on-three Basketball Tourney. Chosen for their outstanding offensive and defensive efforts and skills, as well as points scored throughout the tournament, are (l-r): Peter Stankiewicz, John Gencious, Mike Steigerwald and Brad Falco, and Chris Hills. First and second place teams, as well as members of the All-Tournament teams, were honored during halftime of the St. Laurence-Loyola game December 4.

Oak Lawn resident authors article in Bar Journal

John J. Meehan, of Oak Lawn, an attorney of counsel to the Chicago law firm of Brenner & Moltzen, is the author of an article, "Settlement Allocations, Setoffs and the Inequitable Apportionment of Damages," which appears in the Decem-

ber issue of the Illinois Bar Journal, the monthly magazine of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA).

In the article, Meehan discusses Illinois courts' failure to clearly describe criteria for evaluating the good faith of proposed

settlement allocations, which allows the settling parties to manipulate the terms of the settlement to reduce or eliminate the non-settling defendants' setoff.



Maria athletes awarded at annual banquet

Maria High School recently held its fall sports banquet to honor the members of the Freshman, JV and Varsity volleyball, tennis, swimming and cross country teams. Players from varsity cross country team who received awards were (from left to right): Glenda Lane, Most Improved Player; Sarah Kapitanek, Sportsmanship Award; Blanca Munoz, Most Valuable Player and Lisa Rivera, Coach's Award.



Pictured from left to right: Darlene Graf, Fran Tenbroeck, Ethel Ross, Larry Bania, Sr. Johanna Marie, Maureen Mares, and Nicole Crispo

Maria faculty members receive recognition

Seven teachers from Maria High School have been selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Those exceptional teachers include: Mr. Larry Bania, Mathematics; Ms. Nicole Crispo, Physical Education; Mrs. Darlene Graf, Athletic Director; Sister Johanna Marie, Foreign Language; Mrs. Maureen Mares, Fine

Arts; Mrs. Ethel Ross, Business Education and Ms. Fran Tenbroeck, Language Arts. Teachers are selected from the recommendation of former students. Only high school and college students who have been cited for academic excellence themselves in Who's Who Among American High School Student's or the

National Dean's List respectively are invited to nominate one teacher from their entire academic experience. This honor is given to a select five percent of the nation's teachers. As the publication dedicated exclusively to the recognition of the country's premier teachers, it is a valuable resource for everyone concerned with quality education.

Tips Make Lunch Fun, Nutritious, Tasty

(NAPS)—If your children take lunch to school, here are some tips to make their meals fun, nutritious and tasty.

GO WITH THE GRAIN—Recent U.S. Department of Agriculture Nutrition Guidelines recommend we eat more grains and cereals—six to 11 servings a day. Buy whole loaf bread and cut thicker slices while going easy on the sandwich filler. Add variety with pasta and rice dishes and occasionally go exotic with couscous, tabouli and other foreign grains and cereals.

HOW ABOUT VEGETABLES?—Don't rely just on fresh carrot and celery sticks for veggies. Your children may turn up their noses at cooked turnips, but try them raw. Don't stop there, include a raw cabbage wedge or tiny new potatoes. Cherry tomatoes are great and easy to handle, as are broccoli and cauliflower spears.

AN APPLE A DAY—Include fruits and juices.

A+ FOR NUTRITION—Remember that low fat and/or reduced calorie

foods are not just for nutritious-conscious adults. For example, Eagle Ripples potato chips contain 83 percent less saturated fat—that's two grams per serving less—because they are made with new Clear Valley canola oil.

"HOT" LUNCHES—Pack non-food items. For example, if your children love riddles, take a minute and copy a new one to be packed with lunch.

A little time and planning can make lunch a pleasant break. 5041206M.TXT

Enforcing Code Of Conduct—Possible And Necessary

By Father Val Peter
Boys Town

(NU)—Adolescents don't have to live in a big city to get involved in gang-type behavior. What gangs demand of their members is a lesson most of us should be applying to our schools.

Let me give you three examples:

1. Too many schools today say they can't enforce a dress code for their students. But isn't it interesting that gangs enforce a dress code, a very strict one, for their membership? They don't take a vote and they don't ask questions. They simply require certain "colors," and that's all there is to it.

Parents and school officials could learn from gang leaders in this regard. We need to steal a page from their leadership book.

2. We're told that parents and schools can't enforce a code of conduct for their students. But isn't it interesting that gangs are able to impose a code of conduct quickly, extensively and completely?

Once again, we need to steal a page from their leadership book.

3. Parents and school officials often say they have difficulty asking students to follow instructions. Gang leaders don't seem to have any difficulty giving detailed instructions and having their membership follow them to the letter.

Here, too, we need to steal a page from their leadership book.

I say this not to praise gangs, but to help us realize that dress codes, codes of conduct and following instructions can be upheld in our society today. We simply have to find the right way to do it in our schools.

Most of us have tasted the bitterness of schools where almost anything goes. That philosophy has been tried and found wanting. It's time to face that fact.

Education is too important to be left to educators in this regard. Parents and other concerned citizens need to help our schools become places where learning can happen because the environment is conducive to learning.

In 1994, more than 25 school districts across the United States learned the Boys Town methods of creating the proper learning environment. We want to share those methods with as many schools as possible.

Yes, it takes courage to change a school that has become too lax. Sometimes teachers want to help and sometimes they are afraid. We need to give them the encouragement and the tools they need so they can teach and our children can learn.

Father Peter is executive director of Boys Town, the home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Nebraska, and in California, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

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St. Laurence will host "Pack the Gym Night"

St. Laurence High School will hold its annual "Pack the Gym" night on Friday, January 8th when the varsity Vikings host De La Salle. As part of a double header, St. Laurence will also be the site of exciting GCAC basketball action as Queen of Peace hosts Maria.

The night will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the girls varsity game, followed by the St. Laurence-De La Salle game scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Students, parents, and alumni of all schools are welcome to attend. In addition, all grade school students, particularly those eighth grade students considering St. Laurence as their high school to attend, are invited to spend that evening at St. Laurence and be a part of this year's "Pack the Gym Night" festivities.

Maria H.S. attends theatre festival

Twenty-two Maria High School drama students and their sponsors: Deborah McLaughlin, Mary Wood and Leigh Stroup, will be attending the 24th Annual Illinois High School Theatre Festival. The festival will be held January 7 - 9, 1999 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This year's theme, "Theatre: Creativity Through Collaboration," will offer over 3200 Illinois teens an in-depth exposure to all facets of theatre. They will be involved in an exciting blend of workshops and performances that will challenge their talents and heighten their theatre knowledge.

During the festival, high school students and teachers participate in theatre workshops and have the chance to see over twenty productions selected from high schools across the state.



St. Laurence artists invited to display works at St. Xavier

Fifteen students representing St. Laurence High School participated in the Fifth Annual High School Art Invitational Exhibition at St. Xavier University in December. Students entered sketches of this choice. After the judging and awards ceremony, each student's work of art was displayed to the public in the St. Xavier Gallery for one week. Three of the Viking artists who received recognition are: (standing, second from l-r) Dan Laduca of Lemont who received Honorable Mention for his work themed "Faces"; and John Geletka of Chicago, Garfield Ridge who received Best of School for his work entitled "Work of IRA". Kneeling is Jeff Canty also of Chicago, Garfield Ridge. He received Honorable Mention for designing a business logo and stationery for "Oakton Electronics". Also pictured are Gene Smerz (far right), Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at St. Laurence, and Tom Ondrla, Principal of St. Laurence.

St. Laurence duo to lead "Big Gold" Basketball

St. Laurence High School basketball coach, Tom Pallardy, has announced the captains for this year's varsity "Big Gold" Vikings. They are Keith Volpi of Justice and Scott Soprych of Lemont.

Both seniors were selected by their teammates based on their work ethic and leadership skills.

Volpi, a forward, returns for this fourth year in the Viking Basketball program. He is part of the school's Peer Ministry and Big Brother programs and is a student recruiter and member on the Student Council. This past fall he played wide receiver on the school's intramural flag football team which captured the championship of the 32-team Chicago Area Tournament sponsored by the Chicago Bears. He carries a 3.2 grade point average.

Soprych is a guard and a real outside scoring threat, especially with his three-point shot. Besides basketball, he is involved with cross-country and track as well as the Peer Ministry Program. He maintains a 3.19 grade point average and would like to attend Penn State to major in education.

"I was very pleased with the work ethic of the entire team," commented Pallardy. Both Keith and Scot put forth a tremendous effort in season and out of season. They are solid citizens and always do more than is required of them."



Maria athletes awarded at annual banquet

Maria High School recently held its fall sports banquet to honor the members of the Freshman, JV and Varsity volleyball, tennis, swimming and cross country teams. Players from the varsity swimming team who received awards were (for left to right): Liliana Huerta, Sportsmanship Award; Stacey Johnston, Coach's Award; Amy Mephram, Most Improved Player and Amy Munro, Most Valuable Player.

St. Xavier University announce events

February 14 through March 28 - ACT Prep Program presented by College Prep will take place at St. Xavier University's South Campus, 18020 Oak Park Avenue. College Prep is an intensive ACT preparation program consisting of 23 hours over 10 sessions. All aspects of the ACT test are covered as well as three practice tests administered in a positive, personalized, academic setting. Additional information: 708/802-6200.

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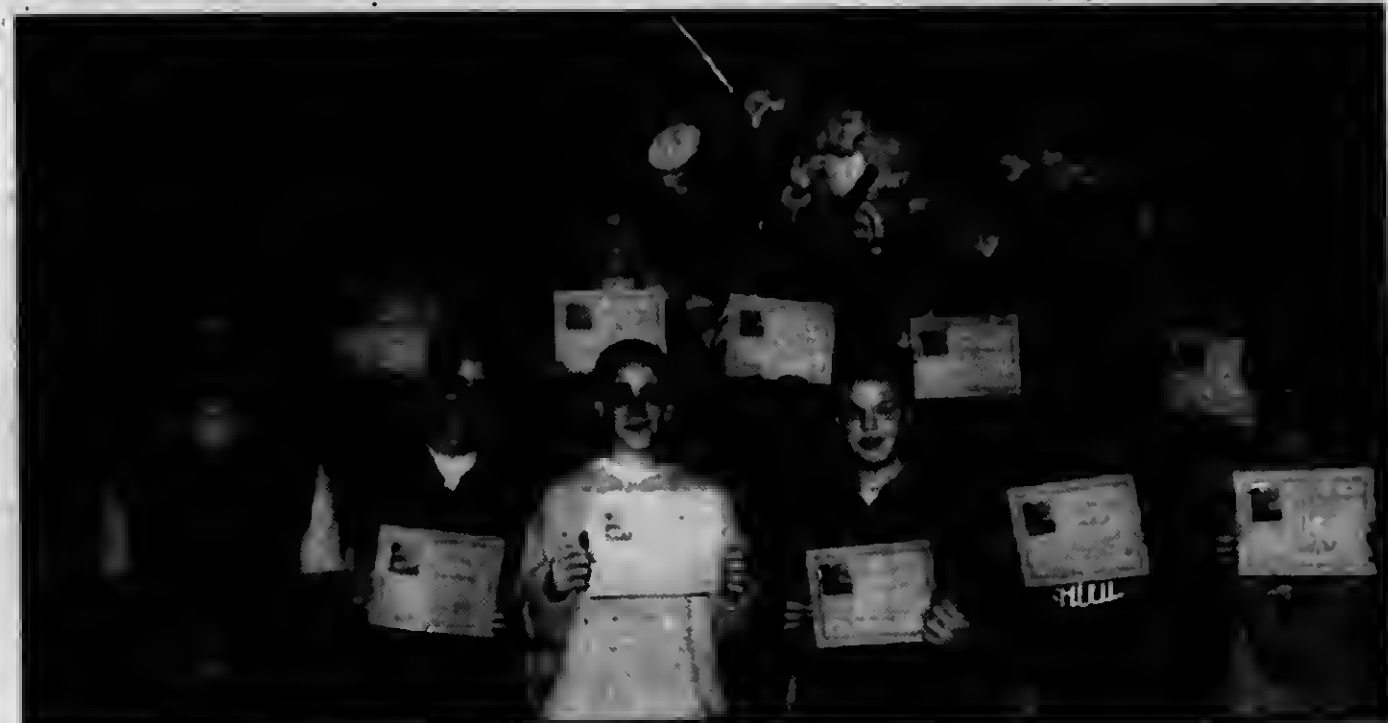
January 15, Noon - Xavier Classics at Noon at Saint Xavier University presents Essence of Brass. This young and exciting of local free-lance musicians from

the Chicago area will focus their performance on brass music through the centuries, including standard brass favorites and exciting new works. McGuire Hall. Free-will offering will be accepted. Additional information, call 773/298-3448.

January 15 & 16, 7 p.m. - Saint Xavier University's 1998 - 99 Film Series continues with "Daughters of the Dust" by director Julie Dash, 1991. Winner of the Best Cinematography award at the Sundance Film Festival, "Daughters of the Dust" is a landmark achievement for African-American cinema. Director Julie Dash's film has been acclaimed as the first film to successfully translate to the screen the sensibilities found in contemporary black writers such as Toni Morrison and Alice Walker. The film is a hauntingly beautiful tale set at the turn of the century on one of the sea islands off the Georgia coast. "Daughters of the Dust" portrays that

unique culture of the Gullah people by focusing on the extended Peasant family as its members struggle with the decision to leave the island and move north. Memories of their Gullah history and its African-American culture. Admission: \$3 - McGuire Hall. Additional information, call Marshall Warren: 773/298-3193.

Beginning January 19, 7 - 9:30 p.m. - Theologies of Suffering a graduate level course focusing on theologies of suffering and their possible implications for pastoral care and ministry begins January 19. The course is being offered as part of a cooperative initiative with Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies, Saint Xavier University's Department of Religious Studies and Pastoral Ministry Institute of Saint Xavier University. For additional information or to register call Mary Anne Connelly at 773/508-2325.



All-Tournament players at St. Laurence Grade School competition

St. Laurence High School Varsity Basketball Coach, Tom Pallardy, and members of his tournament selection staff, named the All-Tournament Squad of this year's Grade School competition held at St. Laurence. Those named, along with the teams for which they played include: (front row, l-r) Tom Rhodes of Oak Lawn, St. Gerald; Matt Mackowiak of Chicago, Lee School; Pete Stankiewicz of Chicago, St. Nicholas; Mike Steigerwald of Oak Lawn, St. Louis de Montfort; Jerrah Young of Chicago (Beverly), Barnard School; and Tom Kipta of Chicago, Mark Twain School. Also pictured; (back row, l-r) John Gencius of Chicago, Nativity; Jacob Tutor of Bridgeview, Bridgeview Park District; Tony Lascola, Bridgeview, Bridgeview Park District; Rashay Russell of Chicago (Beverly), Sutherland School; Mervin of Chicago (Beverly), Sutherland School; and David Howard of Chicago (Beverly), Kellogg School.

Registration begins for "Read to Succeed"

Registration for "Read to Succeed", a winter reading program sponsored by the Chicago Wolves that encourages youngsters to read recreationally, will begin January 18 at the Bridgeview

Public Library. Children in kindergarten and up are encouraged to read for 9 hours between January 18 and March 12, 1999. Those who finish the program will be eligible to win Wolves

hockey pucks or tickets to Wolves hockey games. For more information, stop in Bridgeview Public Library at 7840 W. 79 Street, or phone (708) 458-2880 and ask for Mary.

Drury Lane Oakbrook announces 1999-2000 season

Keeping high production standards while not raising prices again for the seventh consecutive year, Drury Lane Oakbrook announces its 1999-2000 Subscription Series. Under the direction of new Artistic Director Ray Frewen and consultant Gary Griffin, the four musicals and one comedy represent major Broadway hits and a sure fire crowd pleasing comedy.

Beginning the season, from March 17 until May 9, 1999, will be "Jesus Christ Superstar." One of the first "rock Operas" it was written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice. Superstar has proven itself a timeless classic, since its opening on Broadway in 1971 throughout the 1974 film and into concert versions and revivals all around the world.

Opening May 19 and playing through August 1, 1999, "Singin' in the Rain" will cause a downpour. The classic 1952 MGM musical comedy by Betty Comden and Adolph Green has time-

less music and lyrics by Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed. It will be full of visual effect and some "Can't miss" old songs.

A comedy by the late Larry Shue, "The Foreigner" is coming from August 11 until October 3, 1999. A new comedy to the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage, this foolishness is especially fun for Ray Frewen who appeared in the Off-Broadway production.

"Brigadoon," the Alan Jay Lerner-Frederich Loewe musical hit of 1947 will enchant Drury Lane audiences from October 13, 1999 until January 2, 2000. With romance, beauty and excitement, the tale tells of two Americans lost near a Scottish village which only comes to life one day every century.

The final show of the 16th season at Drury Lane Oakbrook will be a repeat from the first Drury Lane season of 1984 - 85, "How to Succeed in Business Without really trying." One of the most requested musicals by

audience members, this ultimate office musical had a creative team led by Abe Burrows with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser.

Keeping prices consistent with it's 1998-99 season, subscribers to the 1999-2000 season can pay as low as \$14.40 per show; five show subscriptions will run from \$72 to \$81 per person depending on the day of the performance. Special concerts are also planned with subscribers receiving advance notice and preferential treatment. Further season information and subscription ticket reservations can be obtained by calling the Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre at 630-530-8300.

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Pictured above are (left to right) Ken Spajer; Ella Jenkover, also of the Youth Commission; Crystal Ludington and Louis S. Viverito, township supervisor.

Burbank girl awarded Sheriff's Medal of Honor

Crystal Ludington, of Burbank, a freshman at Reavis High School, proudly displays the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor she was awarded by Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan for over 100 hours of volunteer service she has performed for the Stickney Township Youth Commission.

She has been assisting the Youth Commission since she was in the seventh grade in helping to supervise children between the ages of 3 and 11, mainly in the outdoor recreation program. In nominating Crystal of the award Youth Commission Director Ken Spajer lauded her attitude and her ability to work with and influence children. "Her enthusiasm is contagious," he said. Crystal modestly commented that she was glad to be of service to the community, but feels that she has also personally benefited from her service.

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Oak Lawn Library News

For more information about these and other programs, pick up a Winter/Spring 1999 booklet or visit the library's web site (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>).

The Youth Services Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will open registration Saturday, January 9 for the Winter/Spring 1999 Toddler Time, Preschool and After School Storyhours and the Junior Friends of the Library group.

Preference will be given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented at registration. Sessions fill up quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

The library is now accepting registration for a Journal writing Workshop to be held Saturday, February 6 at 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Explore the art and craft of journal writing with Cynthia Gallaher, award-winning poet and author. Learn hands-on techniques for using your journal as a creative, psychological or genealogical tool; an idea file; or as a healthy outlet for your inner dialogues.

Register at the Reception Booth on a first-come, first-

served basis. Limited to 25 participants. The \$15 workshop fee per person covers materials, lunch and breaks. Payment must be submitted at enrollment.

Having a hard time finding tax forms? Why not make your life easier by visiting the 1998 Federal & State Income Tax Forms site on the Oak Lawn Public Library Home Page. Link up to official sites with federal, Illinois and out of state tax forms and publications. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view and print. This can be obtained free via a link on the IRS form site.

For those who do not have a home computer, the library's Reference Department, second floor, offers three Internet access com-

puters for public use. Adults, high school and up, can reserve 60 minute periods on two of the computers. The third station is dedicated to walk-up use, limited to 15 minute periods. All Internet users must have basic computer skills. Staff will provide limited assistance. To make a reservation for Internet use, call 708-422-4990.

The library also provides a selection of basic federal and Illinois state income tax forms through April 15. Some federal forms are currently in stock and more are arriving daily. State forms are expected in February. You may pick up your forms self-serve in the Raymond Avenue entryway or use the reproducible forms kept in 3-ring binders near each copy machine.

SSSBA announces grant awards and appoints project manager

Eugene C. Varnado, Chairman, of the South Suburban Small Business Association, has announced the receipt of grants from Moraine Area education to Careers Partnership and Southland Education to Careers partners to implement programs that will include opportunities for, work-based learning models, business to education connection venues and the establishment of a liaison office to facilitate small business's assistance to educators.

According to Varnado, "These grants will allow the South Suburban Small Business Association to assist in developing a work force in the south suburbs of Chicago that will meet the needs of employers, particularly small business — the largest employer in the area we serve."

recently participated in Operation Desert Fox while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

The 1994 graduate of Bogan High School joined the Navy in January 1995.

Navy Airman William C. Gallacher, son of William S. Gallacher of Burbank, recently participated in Operation Desert Fox while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

The MPR Group, headed by Julius E. Rhodes, SPHR, will serve as Project Manager from implementation through completion. Rhodes holds a Human Resources Degree from Roosevelt University and received his graduate degree from Loyola University's Institute of Human Resources and Industrial Relations. In addition, he is designated as a Senior professional in Human resources. Project Management, Training and Consulting is the nucleus of the MPR Group and several large Fortune 500 companies are included in their list of clients.

For additional information regarding these new programs or the South Suburban Small Business Association, inquiries may be directed to the SSSBA office at (708) 849-0098.



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Protection of drinking water taking new direction

As part of a federal requirement that the nation's public drinking water sources be protected against possible contamination, the Illinois Source Water Protection Technical and Citizens Advisory committee chaired by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is readying a plan for the assessment of the surface and groundwater sources that provide potable water to Illinois consumers.

While Illinois has had nearly a century of experience in regulating water supplies that provide drinking water through community water systems, efforts traditionally have focused on monitoring and treatment at the water treatment plant. Under the 1996 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act, states are required by early in the next century to have a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) that meets the following requirements: delineates source water assessment area boundaries for all public water supplies; an inventory of existing and potential sources of contaminations within those

boundaries; an analysis of the susceptibility of the water systems to the contaminants; and a process for making the assessments available to the public.

In Illinois, both the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulate certain types of water supplies serving the public. Though the numbers vary slightly over time, there are currently approximately 5,600 such supplies. The Illinois EPA is responsible for regulating nearly 1,800 of those; the rest fall under IDPH jurisdiction.

The SWAP has two key elements: clear state leadership in implementing the program, and a strong program to ensure that information is shared with the public in an understandable format, with extensive public involvement in developing and implementing the program.

The Illinois EPA is building its program with a significant input of data already collected by ongoing programs such as the Groundwater Protection Act, the Well Head Protection Pro-

gram, the Watershed Management Program and the Comprehensive State Ground.

Over the next three weeks, prior to submission of the draft to U.S. EPA, the Illinois EPA is seeking public input on whether the draft achieves the federal specifications for content and provides a way to successfully communicate that information to the public.

The draft SWAP application will be submitted to U.S. EPA for approval by February 1999, after which U.S. EPA has nine months in which to accept or reject it. Once approved, the state will have two years to complete the source assessments, though 18 month extensions are possible. The Illinois EPA anticipates that the full 3.5 years will be needed to complete the assessments.

The draft program application, including a public comment/feedback form, is available on the Agency's homepage at www.epa.state.il.us or copies can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Bridal Show: Ideas for a wonderful wedding

Trinity Christian College will hold a Bridal Show on January 22, from 7 - 10 p.m. in the dining hall. The show will feature resource information and professional consultation with area businesses that offer wedding services and supplies. Join us for an evening of fun and fancy, while you get answers to your wedding event questions. Admission is \$1. Trinity is located at 6601 W. College Drive (Rte. 83), just two blocks west of Ridgeland Avenue in Palos Heights. For more information call Dawn at (708) 239-3750.

Rep. Zickus joins Oak Lawn Community Partnership

State Representative Anne Zickus has accepted Mayor Ernie Kolb's invitation to become a member of the Oak Lawn Community Partnership.

"Formed in 1996 between the Village and Christ Hospital and Medical Center, the Oak Lawn Community Partnership has set out to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents," said Jim Craig, Chairman. "The Partnership encourages collaboration among local government, business and education leaders and the community, to stimulate all citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and

healthy."

"The partnership has created the Clergy Association, conducted Wellness Days for the past two years and oversaw several senior citizen community projects," added Mayor Kolb.

"The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a good example of a community pulling together its leaders and resources to ensure its quality of life," stated Rep. Zickus. "I want to thank Mayor Kolb and Chairman Jim Craig for this invitation as I am proud to be a part of such an organization and look forward to a long relationship."

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The Illinois Department of Agriculture mailed letters to 62 Chicago homeowners, officially notifying them that trees on their property infested with the Asian long-horned beetle would be removed, beginning in January.

The City of Chicago will contract with private tree services to begin removing infested trees on private property in late January or early February. Only approved tree services are allowed to remove trees from the quarantined area. City crews are set to begin removing infested trees on public property the week of January 11 and hope to complete their removal by the month's end.

In all, more than 280 trees on public property and 10 trees on private property in Chicago will be destroyed in

an effort to eradicate the beetle. Small trees will be chipped on site. Larger trees will be trucked to a city incinerator at O'Hare International Airport.

Another 35 trees in DuPage County's Bloomingdale Township and five trees in Summit, will be removed in early 1999.

All trees scheduled for removal have been painted, photographed and mapped to ensure only infested trees are cut. State, city or federal inspectors will accompany removal crews to ensure compliance with appropriate removal procedures.

Residents with questions about the removal process should call U.S. Department of Agriculture inspector Joe Schaffer at the Beetle Command Center, 312-742-3385, or Stan Smith at the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Des Plaines Office, 847-294-4343.

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Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting - January 12, 1999

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Village Board unanimously approved a petition to the Illinois General Assembly to review various policies and procedures of so called "Payday Lenders" and "Car Title Lenders."

The request, drafted by Trustee Steven Rosenbaum and previously presented to the board, is aimed at what Mr. Rosenbaum feels is the "unchecked growth" of the relatively new businesses dealing exclusively with short-term lending.

Citing potential "365% to 547% annual percentage rates," Rosenbaum notes these businesses are not required to prominently disclose these figures, which is mandatory for other lending institutions.

The petition states that "left unchecked, these entities will engage in an activity which will ultimately result in an increase in personal bankruptcy filings and other deleterious financial consequences."

Mr. Rosenbaum visited a local "Payday Lender" and noted fees ranging from \$14 to \$21 per each \$100 borrowed for a 14 day period.

Mayor Kolb and the Village Board formally welcomed Robert Hon as he was officially sworn in as a Patrol Officer.

Recognition awards were presented to the following Village employees:

30 Years Service
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Richard Schryver, Police
James Cassin, Police
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Steve Barrett, Pub. Wks.
Tom Jones, Pub. Wks.
Daniel Sharwarko, P. Wks.

20 Years Service
James Spallina, Police
Robt. Johnson, Police
Peter Ciaccio, Police
Glen Kois, Police
John Lesniewski, Police
George Stuhmiller, Police
Tom Shervino, Fire
Dave Gudyka, Fire
Gary Seivert, Fire
Tom Finn, Fire
Mike Kearney, P.Wks.
Eugene Baniewicz, P.Wks.

15 Years Service
David Kowalewski, P.Wks.
10 Years Service
John Hojek, Jr., Fire
Bob Cerf, Pub. Wks.
Robt. Lenz, Pub. Wks.
Patrick O'Donnell, Pub. Wks.

Trustee William Keane noted excessively high snow piles often obstruct views of oncoming traffic on many commercial parking lots and recommended action be taken to rectify the matter.

Trustee Ronald Stanek suggested the name and phone number of the appropriate "contact person" be posted prominently to address complaints arising from ongoing construction.

Trustee Jerry Hurekes praised the local students involved in a program to assist seniors and noted 30 food baskets were distributed to the needy in the Village.

Trustee Marjorie Joy announced a community meeting concerning Commonwealth Edison will be held Saturday, January 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Village Hall.

A Scavenger's License was unanimously approved for Crown Recycling & Waste Srv. of McCook, Illinois.

Village of Evergreen Park - January 4, 1999

By Jude Coyle

Mayor Anthony Vacco Called the Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Evergreen Park to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk James Sexton called roll. Trustees Mark Marzullo, Mary Murphy, Carol Kyle, Jerome Bosch and Anthony Yukich were present. Trustee Norbert Smith was not. Also present was Attorney Vincent Cainkar.

Mayor Vacco thanked the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for their dedication during the storm.

He read a letter from Captain Archie Alexander of the Burbank Police Department to Police Chief Evoy concerning the December 30, robbery at Brown's Fried Chicken at 8300 S. Harlem. Officers Gary Jarszen and Roman Stack apprehended two men at 87th near Kedzie. They retrieved the cash plus a .22 caliber rifle used in the robbery.

Payouts and salaries from the General Corporate Fund came to \$576,762.63, and \$156,379.00 from the Water

and Sewer Fund for the month of December. According to the Water Collectors Report, \$248,175.90 was deposited in December. According to the Village Collectors Report, \$640,891.38 was deposited.

Weight Watchers applied for a business license at their new locations at 2040-1/2 W. 95th Street. They were formerly located at 2508 W. 94th Street.

The Board authorized the mayor and the Clerk to execute four sets of documents for the 1999 Motor Fuel Tax maintenance Agreement with I.D.O.T. This must be done each year. Also, a variance was approved on the height of a garage at 8846 S. Francisco Avenue. The regulation restricts garage height to 13 feet. This garage will rise to 14.34 feet.

Engineer Robert Boehm reported that he had met with a representative from I.D.O.T. proposed that the north bound lane at 95th Street will include a right turn only lane, thus eliminat-

ing one lane at the 94th Street intersection. The Mayor expressed his desire to place a right turn only lane west bound as well. Mr. Boehm agreed to promote the Mayor's request. He also said that the village must petition the Illinois Commerce Commission to change the gate configuration. The Village plans to erect pedestrian gates.

Ann Dykstra reminded the Board that anyone without heat or electricity should come into the Community Center. Transportation would be provided.

Chief Evoy reported that mothers had been dropping children off at the golf course so they could play in the snow. This is private property, and that the children are trespassing, hazards are covered with snow and could be dangerous.

Work to bring the Community Center and Activity Center into compliance with the American Disabilities Act was awarded to Winterset Construction for

\$79,388.00.

Ellen Thompson reported that the Evergreen Park Youth Council, a community service group for high school kids, worked at a soup kitchen in December. The kids bought, cooked and served dinner to the homeless. They plan to do it again. According to Ms. Thompson, each month the kids complete another task. They sold peanuts for the Kiwanis, stuffed envelopes for the American Cancer Society, conducted a coat drive for the needy, as well as many other tasks. Anyone interested can contact her at the Community Center at 229-3377.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19.



Pictured left to right: (front row) Sherri Elworthy, Mary Tuzik, Theresa Nugent, Caitlin Kowalski; (back row) Nicki Sullivan, Jessica Molnar, Vicki Paprocki; (not pictured) Kim Patyk

St. Gerald wins third place

Congratulations to the girls who represented St. Gerald School in the annual Mother McAuley Math Contest on December 12, 1998. Out of twenty-nine teams, the girls won third place.



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New Year's resolutions for prospective homebuyers

Planning to buy a home in 1999? If so, you may want to make some New Year's Resolutions that will help pave the way for a smooth, successful real estate transaction.

"Buying a home is the biggest financial commitment most people make in their lifetimes," said Peter J. Birnbaum, president and chief executive officer of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG). "It is for this reason that home purchasers resolve to approach this transaction in a thoughtful, professional manner."

For prospective homebuyers, ATG offers the following New Year's Resolutions to ensure happy — and less stressful — house-hunting.

- Evaluate your finances and set a time table for purchase. The first step to buying a home — before you even begin looking at houses — is to examine your personal finances and evaluate your present financial obligations. This will enable you to determine the price range of a house that you feel comfortable purchasing. First time buyers should eliminate as much debt as possible in order to make a favorable impression on a lender. As you consider the cost of buying a home, don't forget about the less obvious costs: real estate taxes, closing costs, homeowners insurance. An attorney can help advise you and ensure these fees are reasonable and necessary.

- Make a wish list. What specifically are you looking for in a house? Do you prefer new construction or an existing home? How much square footage do you require? Any particular school district or neighborhood where you want to reside? What are the most important features inside the house? How much outdoor maintenance do you want? Answering these threshold questions will help target your search.

- Pre-apply for a mortgage loan. Not only will obtaining a specific dollar amount from a qualified lender allow you to know exactly what you can afford, it will help speed up the process if you find a house you really want. "Being pre-qualified tells a seller you are serious when you make an offer and he or

she may accept your bid over another, even higher bid, if that person is not as creditworthy," said Birnbaum.

- Hire a qualified real estate attorney before you make an offer. A good real estate attorney should be involved from the beginning to serve as your advocate, evaluate your finances, ensure clear title to the house, and navigate the paper maze. Far more people are involved in a home purchase transaction than just a buyer and a seller. Participants in the process include a real estate sales person or two, a lender, an appraiser, an inspector and a title insurance company. If it is a new construction, a builder and contractors also enter the picture. "With so many players, so many competing interests, and so much at stake, it's critical to engage counsel before you proceed into what will most assuredly be a highly-complicated transaction," Birnbaum said.

- Do your homework. Arm yourself with information before you jump into the process. With so many competing interests, the real estate transaction can move incredibly fast. Check to see what homes cost in the neighborhoods you would like to move. Research the property taxes in those areas. Consult your local library or use the Internet to check out listed properties. Realtor.com has many multiple listing service properties on-line and the Owners Network (owners.com) is a unique website that lists for-sale-by-owner properties nationally — this is especially useful if you are relocating to another part of the country. Many organizations also have websites full of invaluable information to help steer buyers through the real estate transaction, including ATG (atg.com).

- Decide whether you want to work with a real estate agent. If you plan to work with a Realtor®, be clear on your relationship up front. A listing Realtor represents the seller's property. A cooperating broker is engaged by a potential homebuyer to help shop around for a new house. That broker may or may not be the buyer's fi-

duciary. If you decide to use a Realtor, seek recommendations from friends and family and interview a few before you select one. Look for an agent whose philosophy and style is one you're comfortable with. "The broker is someone with whom you will invest a great deal of trust," said Birnbaum. "It is important that you hire someone who is dedicated to meeting your price and timing objectives." This is one of the reasons it is important to engage the services of an attorney who is the only true advocate of the buyer in the entire process, according to Birnbaum.

- Review the seller disclosure document carefully. Every seller must provide a disclosure document that reveals any material defects such as water damage or electrical problems. It is important to sit down with your attorney and review this document completely. Although it does not take place of an inspection, it provides important information.

- Hire an inspector. After you have made an of-

fer, hire a qualified inspector to go through the house to uncover any potential defects. If any problems arise, your attorney can help renegotiate your contract or, if the damages are too extensive, the inspection may break the deal completely.

- Have a contingency plan if your expectations are not fulfilled. What if you have to close on your buy before you close on your sale? What if you are purchasing a newly constructed home and a labor strike or materials shortage delays your closing? What if your home sells before you have the time to locate a new home? These are all questions you need to ask yourself at the outset.

ATG is a lawyer-based service organization that provides title insurance to homeowners and lenders through a network of 3,000 attorney-members. Title insurance protects against loss if a defect is found in the title to property. Through its attorney-members, ATG strives to keep lawyers involved in real estate transactions for the benefit of the client.



Public hearings to explore living in an aging society

The expectations and needs of baby boomers as they grow older will be examined during public hearings scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. at South Suburban Senior Services of Catholic Charities, 15300 Lexington Ave., Harvey, Illinois 60426, telephone 708-596-2222.

The hearings will chronicle the rapid growth in suburban Cook County's aging population and assess the impact on changes in elder rights legislation, senior empowerment, Medicare with its new options for senior health care, senior nutrition programs, plus government and social service programs. The hearings will especially interest older persons, those who care for them, and others concerned about older adult issues.

The hearings, to which the

public is cordially invited, will be hosted by the Suburban Area Agency on Aging of Oak Park, a senior service agency employing funds authorized by the federal Older Americans Act to provide for older adult support services in suburban Cook County. The agency urges all interested person to attend, hear brief presentations, discuss current and future aging issues and speak to any other concerns they wish to raise.

Those unable to attend the meeting but wishing to share their written comments may do so by sending them prior to the meeting to Claudia Furtak, Suburban Area Agency on Aging, 1146 Westgate, Oak Park, IL 60301, by calling 708-383-0258 (voice) or 708-524-1653 (TDD), or by e-mail at claudia.furtak@s3a.com

Palos Heights Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

Budget Passed

The Palos heights City Council finally passed its \$6,072,555 budget on January 5, but not without some debate.

After the budget was introduced Alderman Frank Passarelli objected to the Save Pay Ordinance. This would eliminate overtime pay which would be given for extra work that the secretary to the city council, secretary to the plan commission, and secretary to the fire department preform during their regular 40 hour week.

Alderman Corsi also objected to the ordinance as well as having only \$207,000 for the Roads Program. She stated only part of 127th Street east of Diane Road could be repaired.

Passarelli agreed with Corsi and said, "those people have no curbs, no sewers, no driveway footings, nothing. We cannot forget the little people who started this town."

Alderman Fulkerson asked Alderman Donnick if the Save Pay Ordinance would eliminate part of the employees salary. Donnick stated no because they would be given an amount equal in the form of a raise.

Things became very heated when Alderman

Whitey VanHenkelum said, "I think it is odd that Alderman Murphy, Alderman Corsi, and Alderman Healy come up with these magic budgets all the time. What they are doing is stealing from one part of the budget, putting it in another part, and saying, 'Look at the money we found. How great we are.'"

Alderman Murphy who is on the finance committee took offense to VanHenkelum's comments and smacked his microphone throwing it to the floor and leaving it dangling from its cord.

Mayor Koldenhoven restored order and Alderman Corsi moved to have \$162,613 for lake Katherine and EG Simpon Clubhouse removed from the general government expenses of the 1999 budget and dispersed between the employee's salaries and roads program. She argued that Lake Katherine was a TIF district and should stay that way.

Alderman voted 5-3 to approve Corsi's amendment to the budget. VanHenkelum, Donnick, and Fulkerson voted no. The budget was approved 6-2 with only VanHenkelum and Fulkerson objecting.

Fiegel to serve as Superintendent of Schools

The Evergreen Park Elementary School District #124 Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Craig Fiegel has been employed to serve as the Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Fiegel received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and his master of Science Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. His Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration was received from Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

Dr. Fiegel has served as a teacher, an Elementary School Principal, an Assistant High School Principal, a Junior High Principal and an Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Kansas. Since 1990, Dr. Fiegel has served as the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services in the Lawrence Public School District, Lawrence, Kansas. The

Lawrence Public School District is a K-12 school district serving 10,000 students.

Dr. Fiegel is married with four children. He and his family will be relocation to this area in the summer. Dr. Fiegel may be available on occasional days this spring to begin his orientation to the District, however, the official contractual date is July 1, 1999.

The Board of Education was pleased with the quality of candidates interviewed for the position and wishes to again thank those that participated in the initial process of identifying the selection criteria.

The Board was unanimous in its selection of Dr. Fiegel and is very pleased to have Dr. Fiegel as the Educational Leader in evergreen Park Elementary School District 124. Please join the Board of Education in welcoming Dr. Fiegel and his family to the District and community when you have the opportunity.

Christ Hospital offers Basic Home Repair for Women

Need some minor repairs done in your house? Why not learn how to do simple tasks yourself such as minor carpentry and plumbing jobs. Basic Home Repair for Women, a six-session series, is being offered by Christ Hospital's Women's Health Center, 16750 S. 80th Avenue, Tinley Park. During the series you will learn about tools, electrical wiring, telephone wiring, dry-wall repair, decorating and plumbing. The classes will be held on Tuesdays, from 7-9 p.m. beginning February 2. The cost of the program is \$60 per person.

For more information or to register, call Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE.

Mayor Oremus retires

By Cheryl Sheridan

As a result of illnesses in the past year, long time Bridgeview Mayor John A. Oremus announced on January 13, 1999, that he will not stand for reelection and will retire from public office at the expiration of his 10th term in office.

"After my last stay in the hospital, my family and doctors convinced me it's time to hang it up. My health simply won't permit me to do the job for another four years. Although I love the job of Mayor, I love the Village of Bridgeview more. The people of Bridgeview will always come first with me. I've had a great run, but now it's time for somebody else," Oremus stated.

Mayor Oremus, who celebrated his 85th birthday on December 29th, presided as Mayor over the Village of Bridgeview for 40 of the last 44 years. In an emotional acknowledgment, Mayor Oremus thanked his family

and friends for nearly a half century of loyal and unwavering political support.

When asked if he'd back anyone to replace him Mayor Oremus replied, "Joe Madonia is the only person I'd consider. He's our Director of Economic Development and Building Commissioner. He's a good man. Joe Madonia would be a Mayor the people of Bridgeview could trust."

Madonia, a loyal supporter of Oremus, has not officially declared he will run for mayor but is expected to make that decision soon.

The Active Party allegiance to Oremus became estranged when the party asked Trustee Steve Landek to run for mayor. Oremus felt the party ignored him when they did not ask him to run for an unprecedented 11th term. He promised he will form another political party to run against the Active Party. But when his

health problems escalated he had to disregard the task.

Landek, trying to smooth things over with Oremus, asked the village board to introduce an ordinance that would appoint Oremus to the position of "mayor emeritus." His duties will be to serve as an advisor to the new mayor and to lobby for the village with federal, state and local elected officials, particularly on capital development matters.

Colleagues described Oremus as a wonderful man, and a very good mayor.

"Mayor Oremus encourage me to start a newspaper in Bridgeview in 1985, and kept it in that community since then," said Annette Dixon, Publisher of Village View. "I supported him as mayor because of his business sense. It was his shrewd negotiations as a business person that helped him build the community."

Marquette National Bank announce new Vice President



Joyce Callis

Marquette National Bank recently announced the promotion of Joyce Callis to the position of Vice President, Marketing. Joyce will handle the coordination, development, implementation and administration of marketing programs for the Bank. This includes reviewing creative layouts and copy, coordinating commu-

nications to branches, overseeing compliance approvals, managing the Bank's not-for-profit donations and advertising, as well as development and production of the annual report. Callis brings over 22 banking years of experience to this position.

Before her promotion, Joyce created the advertisement for all the Bank's ads, distributed all employee and customer giveaways and spearheaded several internal committees. She holds a Marketing certificate from the University of Colorado, School of Bank Marketing. Callis is an active member with Bank marketing Association, Chicago Financial Advertisers, Financial Institution Marketing Association and the American Cancer Society.

History-making women stand face-to-face

Two history-making women stood face-to-face at inaugural ceremonies as Illinois' first woman Supreme Court Justice, Mary Ann McMorrow, administered the oath of office to Corinne Wood, the state's first woman lieutenant governor.

"I hope this ceremony sends a message to daughters all across Illinois: you can do what you want to do and be what you want to be," said Lt. Gov. Wood. One of the goals I hope to achieve as lieutenant governor is to convince girls and young women that they can dare to dream — and that government and community leaders are doing everything they can to remove unfair barriers to those dreams."

The Rev. Christine Vogel,

minister at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, which the Wood family attends, was among the clergy presiding over a preinaugural service at First United Methodist Church in Springfield at 9:15 a.m.

Wood said she plans to be involved in a variety of issues pertaining to women and children, including domestic violence, sexual abuse, professional advancement, education, elder care and community service delivery.

The Lieutenant Governor's Office will take the lead in efforts to increase the amount of child support the state collects. It will also be active in coordinating preventive health care services for women and children.

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Mother McAuley student in the news



Victoria Walters

Victoria Walters (Burbank), a junior at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, is the recipient of the 1998 Volunteerism Award presented by the Illinois Association (ILA). Victoria has been an active volunteer at the Prairie Trails Public Library in Burbank since 1992. She was presented with a

plaque at the Volunteer Forum meeting of the annual ILA Conference and was recognized for her contributions at the conference's General Assembly meeting. Mrs. Ruth Faklis, Director of the Prairie Trails Library, stated, "Vicki has been an asset to our library, and we are very happy that she was presented with this honor."

Besides keeping up with her honors classes at McAuley, Vicki has been involved in numerous other activities. She plays the flute in McAuley's Orchestra, was a member of the Pit Orchestra for the "Sound of Music," and has also been a Liturgical Minister for three years and a member of the Action/Reaction Club.

Palos Hills sponsors Collectors Show

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a Collectors Show on Saturday, January 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee for a space (6' x 6') with table is \$15.00. The

show will be held at the Palos Hills Park Department. Admission is free for anyone interested in attending. Registration deadline is January 25. Stop by and register early at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call 430-4500.

Palos Hills sponsors ski trip

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a ski & tubing trip for teens at Sunburst Ski Resort on Monday, January 18th. Skiers of all abilities are welcome. Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase in the chalet cafeterias. Participants will leave

the Palos Hills Park Department at 6:45 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. Fee includes ski and tube rental and a ski lesson. This trip will be fully chaperoned. Register early at the park department to reserve your spot. For information call 430-4500.

New student information sessions at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College will hold new student information sessions for those interested in attending the college throughout January.

The free sessions will include information about the college's programs and services. Sessions will be held at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. on various days throughout the month. Topics covered will include admission requirements, the application and registration processes, and placement tests. Also covered will be the college's academic calendar, the various degree and certificate programs available, and support services.

"These sessions are designed for individuals who are thinking of attending college and need information and assistance," said Kathleen Ferrero, director of Academic Advising and Articulation at the college.

The sessions will be held on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

For more information, including the locations, or to register, call the college's Academic Advising Center



Local youth receive Medal of Honor

Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan recently awarded 300 young people from throughout Cook County with the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor. The award is given to young people who volunteer a minimum of 100 hours of community service over the course of the year. This year's recipients were given their medals in a ceremony at the State of Illinois Building on behalf of Sheriff Sheahan by Laurie Roche, Sheriff's Community Services Department Director. Area youth pictured with Director Roche include (l. to r.): Kris Stang, Merionette Park; Jennifer Zelene, Alsip; Christina Tenerelli, Midlothian; Edward Distel, Oak Lawn; also pictured Stanley T. Dembouski, Acting Director Youth Services Department.

Other honorees in the area are: Crystal Ludington and Victoria Walters of Burbank; Mary Evelyn Schroeder of Chicago Ridge; Dominick Pavoni of Crestwood; Krista Nadelhoffer of Evergreen Park; Edward Distel, Carol Sabaj, and Jenna Snaer of Oak Lawn; Katherine Ilginis, Matthew Ilginis, Reema Lamba, Ronli Ramsey of Palos Heights; Brittany Boyle, Steven Danalewich, Robert Fojtik, Amanda Martin, Stephanie Martin, Julie Nowobieliski, Jessica Ortigoza, Rimas Sidrys of Palos Hills; and Shannon Wlazlo of Worth.

MGRA discuss service Winter registration continues

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is still taking Winter registration.

Stop by and register now at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call 430-4500.

MGRA discuss service

Would you like to voice your concerns regarding the service at the Mt. Greenwood Post Office? Mr. Brand, the manager, will attend the Mt. Greenwood Resident's Association meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Mt. Greenwood Park Fieldhouse. Also, information regarding the purchase of the DiGuido Property will be discussed.

Try your luck at Empress Casino

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to the Empress Riverboat Casino on Friday, January 29. A coach bus will leave the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. The fee for residents is \$18.00, nonresidents \$23.00. The fee includes a motorcoach bus ride, two gaming sessions, all you can eat lunch buffet, and a \$10.00 cash rebate. Register early. For information call 430-4500.

Oak Lawn Hilton host Antique and Collectible Show

The Oak Lawn Hilton will host an Antique and Collectible Show on Sunday, February 14. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Admission charge is \$1.00, children under 10 free.

Some of the items featured will be antique furniture, dolls, glass, vintage linens, china, crystal, book, jewelry, lamps, and figurines. Collectibles include Disney, Barbie, Hallmark, Beanie Babies, Enesco and many more.

School hits mark with teaching the art of shooting

Strictly shooting is a renowned basketball school that has trained over 5,000 basketball players the art of shooting jump shots. It is recognized as a premier school throughout the country. Graduates include 1998 Miss Indiana Basketball, Kelly Komara, who is now a sharpshooter at Purdue and Ann Marie Mullins the all-time leading women's three point shooter in Illinois. The school is dedicated to training boys and girls of all ages in the fundamentals of shooting. It is limited to the "art of shooting."

The school's instructors are trained professionals who will teach and train the student in all aspects of the "Strictly Shooting" basketball shooting technique. Student ratio guarantees time

for students to develop proper technique. Drills and shooting analysis will provide each student with sound fundamental knowledge to take home, so that each student continues working on improvement after attending each session.

The program consists of skilled levels of instructions that build upon each other. Each session is designed to properly ingrain and build proper shooting technique into the students shot to maximize efficiency and consistency.

Strictly Shooting will hold classes in DuPage County and Will County. For more information on the school and how to enroll call the Shooting Hotline at (630) 355-0622.

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Pointers For Parents

A Homework Helper On The Web

(NAPS)—The next time your son or daughter asks for help with a homework assignment, you may find yourself pointing to the computer.

The reason?

A new online search tool has been created to make finding things on the Internet easier. Called a thinking man's guide to the Web, it was devised to reduce irrelevant search results and make it easier for users to find the information they need. The guide, called eBLAST (<http://www.eBlast.com>), was created by editors at Encyclopaedia Britannica who have examined hundreds of thousands of Web sites, selecting only the best and most useful.

For instance, if a student is writing an art history paper and is looking for an electronic reproduction of Monet's *Water Lilies*, eBLAST keeps them from having to wade through thousands of unrelated sites to find exactly what they want.

Each site included within



Getting high grades is a new service for students that helps them find useful Web sites for researching.

eBLAST is appropriate for serious information seekers as well as those interested in exploration. The diversity of subject topics available—from hobbies and leisure to geography, mathematics and medicine—invites searches from a broad spectrum of students. Whether they're searching for information regarding George Washington or Denzel Washington, eBLAST is said to connect visitors to the best sites on the Web.

Parents of school age children may want to bookmark eBLAST as the first place to go when looking for homework answers.

When It Comes To Children, Adults Say, "Book 'Em"

(NAPS)—Ninety-seven percent of adults stand united: Reading books with children helps teach values and life lessons. In a just-released survey commissioned by Hallmark Gold Crown® Stores, 1,004 people nationwide were surveyed on three questions dealing with reading and children. Of those, 213 adults with children age 8 and younger in the household responded to additional, age-specific questions.

Reading Builds Bonds

The survey unveiled adults' strong support of reading with children and the bonds it builds. Nearly three-quarters of adults with children age 8 and younger strongly agree that reading storybooks together enriches relationships between children and adults. They also strongly agree (70 percent) that reading stories with children encourages a stronger imagination and more creative playtime.

According to the survey, adults prefer reading books with children (46 percent) to any other activity, including playing with toys (21 percent), taking walks (18 percent) or watching television (4 percent).

Hallmark Storybook Friends Creates Warm Memories

The survey comes against the backdrop of the fall offering of Hallmark Storybook Friends. This collection of products from Hallmark and Crayola® is growing after a successful spring 1998 debut. The expanded fall offering of books, plush characters, figurines and activity kits will be available in the approximately 5,000 Hallmark Gold



Gracie Goose and Gracie's Big Surprise from Hallmark Storybook Friends are available at Hallmark Gold Crown® Stores.

Crown Stores.

The books are designed for adults to read to children, and the related plush characters can help children extend lessons from the books into their playtime. The books focus on the importance of family, friends and community.

Books That Teach Life Lessons

The flagship Hallmark Storybook Friends book for the fall offering, *Gracie's Big Surprise*, teaches children about the importance of trust and understanding. Also new this fall are three smaller hardback "character books" and one fold-out storybook. Each book gives children a look at how their favorite Hallmark Storybook Friends characters work through challenges and learn life lessons. The offering includes *Felicia Fox, A Friend Indeed*, a colorfully illustrated fold-out storybook; and the "character books," *All Snuggled Up in a House Full of Love*, *The Nutty Tunnel* and *Ice Show Dreams*.

To find the Hallmark Gold Crown Store nearest you, call 1-800-HALLMARK. You may also visit Hallmark's Web site at www.hallmark.com.

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Kids And Science: Pointers For Parents

(NAPS)—Annual family vacations on shuttles to outer space? Cloned grandparents who can baby-sit your children and your sister's at the same time? An information system that makes today's computers as obsolete as the sundial? Are these the future?

Maybe, maybe not. Still, America's scientists say get ready. They predict more scientific discoveries will be made in the 21st century than in the 20th and that those discoveries will have a greater impact on our everyday lives.

In *The Bayer Facts of Science Education IV: Scientists on Science for the 21st Century*, a Bayer Corporation/National Science Foundation survey, scientists say they also expect the pace of discovery to pick up significantly. More scientific and technological advances will challenge our thinking and the way we do things regardless of the careers we choose. That means science literacy and the skills developed by a quality hands-on, inquiry-based science education, such as critical thinking, problem-solving and teamworking, will become increasingly important for coming generations to meet workplace and life challenges.

"These scientists have told us that the elementary school years are critical," said Helge H. Wehmeier, president and chief executive officer of Bayer Corporation, which is committed to improving science education through *Making Science Make Sense*, its initiative supporting hands-on, inquiry-based science education and a nationwide science literacy campaign.

"For the next generation of adults to be able to meet the demands of tomorrow," he explained, "science literacy must become a core goal of our nation's schools."

What can parents do to ensure that their children

are being properly prepared today for the challenges of tomorrow? The 1,435 scientists Bayer surveyed, all Ph.D. members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science who voiced their opinions on these issues for the first time in 50 years, offer these tips:

Know that science interest begins early in childhood. The majority of scientists caught the "science bug" in elementary school. And, if your four-year old daughter wants a doctor's kit and your son an erector set, don't be surprised: biological sciences first appealed to female scientists, while physics and chemistry attracted the males.

Be aware that girls like science as much as boys. Mounting evidence indicates that girls and boys typically start out with equal interest in science. Unfortunately, behaviors in the classroom may turn girls off to the subject. When they were in elementary school, the scientists surveyed report that girls were encouraged far less than boys in science class—a situation that grew worse in high school.

Understand adult roles. When it came to igniting their early interest in science, it was scientists' parents who were the biggest influences. And, it's not because their parents were professional scientists, but rather because they encouraged them to pursue their interests and find answers on their own.

Expose children to role models. Mentors are very important to young professionals just beginning their careers. The same is true for students. Exposing students to male and female professionals helps them see that they can accomplish their goals, too. Companies like Bayer have employee volunteer programs that encourage scientists to spend time with students in schools.

COOL SCIENCE WEB SITES FOR KIDS

Bayer Corporation's Making Science Makes Sense Web Site
<http://www.BayerUS.com/science>

Scholastic's The Magic School Bus Web Site
<http://place.scholastic.com/magic/schoolbus/index.htm>

Bill Nye the Science Guy's Nye Labs Web Site
<http://nyelabs.kcts.org>

National Public Radio's Science Friday Kids Connection Web Site
<http://www.npr.org/programs/sf/kids>

Earth and Sky Web Site
<http://www.earthsky.com>



Check out school science programs. National science education reformers advocate science learning in early elementary school through an inquiry-based, hands-on method. Students learn by researching, analyzing, experimenting and testing conclusions, just like scientists do. Talk to your children's teachers. To find out the best curricula available, contact the National Science Resources Center in Washington, D.C.

Nurture their interests outside of school. Science is everywhere, not just in the classroom or lab. It's in the fish tank, in the backyard where caterpillars turn into butterflies and in the kitchen where baking can be a chemistry lesson. Doing experiments at home is not only fun, but effective in helping develop long-term skills and interest.

Winter Calendar

January 19 - 6:30 p.m. - Join the Palos-Orland Business & Professional Women for dinner and a presentation. The presentation will be made by Marge Wilke on Frugal Network/Marketing. For reservations, call Val at 708-424-0492; for membership information call Carole at 630-368-6745.

January 19 & 20 - 7:30 p.m. - Reverend Gloria Farjardo, co-pastor of Cathedral of the Palms Assembly of God in Corpus Christi, Texas, will be the evangelist in Revival services at the Stone Church, 6330 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights.

Sister Gloria and her husband David have pastored for the past eight years at Cathedral of the Palms. She has been in the ministry for over 25 years, traveling extensively in the U.S. and abroad, preaching on the power of the Holy Spirit. For more information call 708-385-2770.

January 19 - 7 p.m. - Patrick Rogers, District Manager of Social Security, will discuss Social Security issues for persons having mental illnesses or brain disorders on Tuesday, January 19, 7 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Avenue in Oak Lawn. This event is being hosted by the Southwest Alliance for the Mentally Ill (SWAMI). For information on this free event open to the public, phone Mike at 708-425-0925 or Laura at 708-422-6428.

January 28 - 9:15 a.m. - The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its January meeting at 4625 W. 110th Street, Room 9. The speaker will be Joel Craig from the Oak Lawn Park District. Bring any questions you may have about mulch and tree plantings. For more information, call Marge Clinkman at 708-424-4846.

February 7 - 3 p.m. - The Illinois Philharmonic Chamber orchestra will perform at Moraine Valley Community College. The performance will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. Join Maestro Carmon DeLeone and these award-winning musicians for their annual concert. This year's program, Impressions of France, will feature works by Ravel, Debussy, and others.

Tickets are \$20.25 for adults and \$16.25 for students. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500.

"I Met a Dinosaur" premieres at Field Museum

The Field Museum and The Chicago Chamber Musicians present a world premiere concert, *I Met a Dinosaur*, at The Field Museum on Sunday February 21 at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. The concert offers a thrilling combination of a world premiere composition, and the visual projections of illustrations and narration from the award-winning children's book *I Met a Dinosaur*. Chi-

cago resident Chris Sheban, the book's illustrator, drew his inspiration from visits to The Field Museum. Jan Wahl, famed author of over 100 children's books, including the Field Mouse books, wrote *I Met a Dinosaur*. Composer Anthony Plog was commissioned by the Chicago Chamber Musicians to write the special musical score to accompany *I Met a Dinosaur*.

Chicago celebrities Bill Kurtis and Donna LaPietra have given their time and creative talents to narrate the concert, delighting all age groups with their wit and charm.

Cost of the concert is \$8 per participant. General Museum admission is included in the ticket price. To purchase tickets, call The Chicago Chamber Musicians at (312) 225-5226. Ages 3 and above.

Travelers guide highlights Chicago Southland attractions

Persons in need of a quick-reference guide to the Chicago Southland can request a free copy of the revised and updated 1999 Chicago Southland Travelers Guide by calling the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau at (708) 895-8200.

The color guide folds out to a large "perspective" map of the entire region, and on the opposite side contains listings of Chicago Southland accommodations, res-

taurants, attractions and services.

The map itself highlights the major interstates crisscrossing the Chicago Southland, including I-80, I-57, I-94, I-294, and I-55, along with major arterial highways and streets. The region's hotels and motels, antique districts and shopping malls, Metra commuter rail lines and stations, major attractions, and recreational areas are also prominently marked.

The Travelers Guide is a handy resource guide to the Chicago Southland region for local residents, and fits neatly into a coat pocket or glove compartment.

Contact the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau at 708-895-8200 to order your free copy of the guide, or write the Bureau at 2304 173rd Street, Lansing, IL 60438. Requests can also be made via E-mail at: lresvb@lincolnnet.net

Navy Pier's upcoming events

January 20 - March 10 - Dancing Under the Stars - Amateur and professional dancers are invited to swing, boogie and twist every Wednesday night away to the sounds of top Chicago orchestras. Admission: Free. Hours: 6-7 p.m. free dance lessons; 7-10 p.m. dancing. Crystal Gardens

January 22 - 24 - Motor Sports Chicago - The Midwest's newest and most exciting custom car show offers information and exhibits for custom car lovers of all interests. For more information, please call (708) 361-4592. Admission: \$12 adults; \$4 children 6-12; free for children 6 and under. Hours: Friday 5-11 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Festival Hall

January 28 - 31 - Strictly Sail Chicago - Visitors have the opportunity to tour the newest sailboats, view new products, and participate in

seminars. Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children (6-12); Two-day passes \$15 adults; \$7.50 children. For advance tickets, please call (800) 587-SHOW. Hours: Thursday and Friday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Festival Hall.

February 6 - 7 - Kid's Day Winterbreak - Children of all ages will enjoy non-stop activities, entertainment, and programming. Admission: Free. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Family Pavilion

February 12 - WNUA Winterbreak Concert - Listen to WNUA Radio for times and ticket information. Grand Ballroom

February 13 - "Romance of Dance": A Very Special Dancing Under the Stars Event - Bring your Sweetheart to the Pier and enjoy a romantic evening of dining and dancing to the sounds of

Nancy Hays and the Robert Benson Orchestra. For times and ticket information, please call (312) 595-5440. Crystal Gardens

February 12 - 14 - The Chicago Tribune Illinois PGA Golf Expo - This show features over 300 exhibitors, golf manufacturers, interactive golf experiences, instruction, a new club testing area, and a technology pavilion. For additional information, please call (773) 929-9711. Admission: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; free for children 12 and under. Hours: Friday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Festival Hall

February 27 - 28 - Artistree Art Fair - A variety of fine art exhibits and crafts for all interests will be available for viewing and purchase. Please call (608) 831-0707 for more information. Festival Hall B

Justice Park District sponsors trip to Discover Stars

The Justice Park District will be going to see Discover Stars on ice with Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi and Nia Kulik on Saturday, January 30. The bus will depart from the park building at 6 p.m. and return around 11 p.m. Fee to this event is \$55 district and \$65 non district which includes round trip transportation, parking, and tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is January 23. For more information please call (708) 458-1370.

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Office of Citizens' Services

Drivers needed for Meals on Wheels Program

If you are an Evergreen Park resident interested in delivering meals to home-bound seniors in the community - Monday through Friday, starting at 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.; minimum 2 hours per day, using your automobile, phone Office of Citizens' Services (422-8776) to register and make an appointment for an interview. Drivers are paid on an hourly basis, plus mileage.

Collaborative efforts of the Village of Evergreen Park, PLOWS Council on Aging, and Little Company of Mary Hospital resulted in a Meals On Wheels Program for Evergreen Park residents (60 years old and over) who are unable to prepare meals in their home. To receive meals, please phone Office of Citizens' Services to register.

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services Art Class and Ceramics Class offer artistic self-expression at weekly morning classes.

The Art Class meets on Tuesdays from 9 - 11 a.m. Ruth Rodgers shares her expertise in whatever medium the students choose. Cost for six-week session is \$15/Evergreen Park resident; \$18/nonresident.

The Ceramics Class meets on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Joann Potsic is the talented instructor.

Consider one or both classes. To register, stop by the office or call 422-8776.

The Double Nickel Plus Chorus is an OCS Program under the direction of Emily Nowicki. The 30 member chorus meets at the Community Center every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 111. If you are an Evergreen Park Senior, love music and would like to sing in the chorus, please come and join in. Newcomers are always welcome.

This group is well received as it tours the southwest suburbs entertaining other seniors, children and residents of nursing homes, hospitals and schools.

Evergreen Park Office of Citizens Services, 3450 W. 97th Street also sponsors:

- **Bridge Club** - group meets Thursday afternoon 1 - 3 p.m. One dollar fee covers prizes and treats.
- **Chess Nuts** - group meets Wednesday at 1 p.m.

• **Tuesday Card Players** - free program meets at 1 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

• **Garden Clinic** - fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m. - Room 112.

• **Pinochle** - Friday, noon

• **Line Dancing** - Monday, 1st session - 12:15 p.m.; 2nd session - 1:15 p.m.

Fee: \$2 per session

Ridgeland Center hosts free presentation

Ridgeland Center, 12250 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, will be hosting a presentation on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. The presentation, "Humor for the Caregiver" will be presented by Reverend Paul Cutler, Bereavement Services Manager for VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Lombard, Illinois.

The focus of the presentation will be on helping caregivers learn how to use humor to cope with feelings that arise in caring for a loved one who is ill or has gone from independence to dependence on the caregiver as well as offering information on a means of relieving

stress caused by the trials and tribulations of our daily lives.

"Our goal is to help people learn how to handle the challenges of caring for a loved one or client which ever the case may be, with a renewed sense of fun, energy and motivation," says Diane Androvich, administrator.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Caregivers of family members and loved ones as well as professional caregivers are welcome to attend. A dessert buffet will be served.

Reservations are required by January 25. To R.S.V.P., call 708-597-9300.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale starts January 22

As sure as the new year follows Christmas, Girl Scout cookies reappear in January. Beginning on January 22 and continuing through the 31st, local Girl Scouts will take orders from friends, neighbors, relatives, businesses, and everyone else interested in enjoying cookies while supporting Girl Scouting. The theme for this year's sale is "Taste Success."

The most popular variety is Thin Mints, accounting for approximately 25% of all Girl Scout cookie sales across the country, but close behind are Carmel deLites, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Peanut Butter Patties and Shortbread. Actually those Girl Scout cookies, which are available just once a year in most areas, are among the fifteen top-selling cookies in the country during their sales period.

In addition to those already mentioned, several

other varieties provide more options for customers. The lineup includes Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, Five Worlds Cinnamons with Sugar, and the new Upside-Downs Frosted Oatmeal cookies.

All cookies are \$3.00 a box. Cookie sales are a critical source of funding for local Girl Scout programs, supporting a wide range of council services for girls and for adult volunteers. A successful sale will also mean funds available to be applied to renovation work being done at the council's Camp Palos.

Cookies ordered through South Cook County Girl Scouts this month will be delivered to customers March 6-14. A final opportunity for cookies will be offered when booth sales are held at local stores and other locations the third and fourth weekends of March.

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KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Kathy Whirity

Surviving the Snowstorm of '99

If you're anything like me, you've had it up to your bootstraps with expressions like "black ice" and "white out". The snowstorms of '99 will go down in the record books as the worst in history. I was a preteen when the blizzard of '67 hit, paralyzing the city and putting school on hold, which made it all more exciting for us kids. For my parents, it was frustrating. To my brothers, sister, and I, it was a great adventure. Back then, neighbors took turns walking to the store, hauling necessities back home on their children's sleds. When the milk and bread disappeared from grocery store shelves, we found ourselves drinking powdered milk, while Mom made homemade bread. We were roughing it, and loving it.

By the time the blizzard of '79 blew into town, Bill and I were married and welcomed the chance to cozy up against the deep freeze of winter's wrath. This time around I have to admit that the kid in me was a little bit excited at the first snowflakes of the season, even getting into the spirit by rushing out to clear the sidewalk as the fluffy stuff covered the ground white. It was good to feel the child of Jack Frost nipping at my nose after the unseasonably springtime temperatures of December had me wondering if I'd even need to dig out the winter attire.

Now with 28 inches of snow piled everywhere and more expected, this aging body does not view this as an adventure, though the romantic side of me still welcomes the chance to snuggle with my sweetheart on a frosty snow covered night. With kids home extra days from school, they've turned into eating machines devouring everything in sight; while as parents we try to hold onto our sanity, but it's not easy. We've been snowed in, dug out, and snowed in again, and as the temperature continues to drop, so does our patience as in: "We've had enough already!"

As kids we'd transform the huge white mountains of snow into caves, spending hours digging tunnels and pathways that created hours of wintertime fun. Now, the mounds of snow stand along side parking spaces that our broken backs have dug out, and we mark our newly cleared territory with everything from kitchen tables and chairs to creative beware signs that warn other drivers "Don't even think about parking here."

These Chicago winters are definitely not for sissies. So smile as you trudge your way through the snow, and remember this—though we all may be singing the deep blizzard blues, we'll soon be warmed by the melody that the birds of spring will be crooning to, sun-filled skies.

Soon the sweat will be falling from our brow and as air-conditioners go into overdrive, we'll fondly recall these days and remember they weren't that bad after all. So hold on to your sanity - Spring will be sprung in approximately 62 days.

Evergreen Park pantry appreciates support

The Village Pantry Coalition wants to wish every person who contributed food or monetary donations for the holiday food drive. The drive was very successful and the pantry was able to share with those in the village who were in need.

The Village Pantry Coalition was formed in 1982 to provide emergency food to Evergreen Park individuals and families experiencing financial problems due to unemployment, illness, etc. Donations are accepted year around and greatly appreciated.

Volunteer income tax preparers needed

The Stickney Township Office on Aging is seeking volunteers to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. An I.R.S. instructor will train volunteers the skills necessary to complete simple income tax forms to assist Stickney Township senior citizens with their income taxes. Volunteers are needed for both north and south locations.

If you can donate as little as 4 hours one day a week, or for further information, please call the Senior Center at 708-636-8850.

Military News

Marine Cpl. Jamison L. Knapp, whose wife Heather, is the daughter of Dennis R. and Jane C. Thompson of Burbank, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group.

The 1993 graduate of Brethren Christian High School of Cypress, California, joined the Marine Corps in November 1995.

Marine Pvt. Robert E. Cavallone, son of Philip R. and Lori J. Cavallone of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1998 graduate of Brother Rice High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Anthony J. North, son of Anthony J. North Sr. of Oak Lawn, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

He is a 1998 graduate of

Evergreen Park High School of Evergreen Park.

Navy Airman Michael Sands, son of Michael and Deborah A. Sands of Chicago recently arrived on station in the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, currently deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf.

The 1995 graduate of St. Rita High School joined the Navy in September 1997.

Navy Airman Alan J. Lyons, son of Paula and James Lyons Jr. of Evergreen Park, recently arrived on station in the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, currently deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf.

The 1997 graduate of Evergreen Park High School joined the Navy in September 1997.

Navy Seaman Darren R. Lazinek, son of Larry Lazinek of Bridgeview, recently completed a six month deployment to the

Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

The 1994 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago, joined the Navy in February 1996.

Army Pvt. Walter C. Brenzek, son of John E. Stein and Debra J. Brenzek of Burbank, has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

He is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High School.

Marine Cpl. Michael R. Meloy, son of Marge A. Meloy of Chicago, recently completed a six-month deployment to Iwakuni, Japan, with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121, as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

The 1994 graduate of Kennedy high School of Chicago, joined the Marine Corps in October 1994.



Judge Biebel to address Women's Club

Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr., with the Juvenile Protection Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Hickory Hills Women's Club, Wednesday, January 27, at 8 p.m. at the Delphian House, 7825 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills.

Diane Miller, coordinator, announced that the judge will share his expertise on the court system.

Judge Biebel was appointed a judge in 1996 and elected in 1998. He has been one of Chicago's most prominent and successful attorneys. An Evans Scholar, he attended Marquette University and went on to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he received his law degree.

Moraine Valley to conduct auditions

Moraine Valley Community College will conduct auditions for its March production of "Six Degrees of Separation" in January. The cast will consist of approximately 13 men and four women.

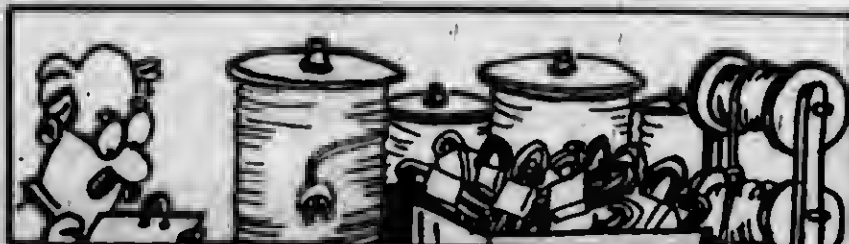
Auditions for the production of John Guare will take place Wednesday, January 20, from 7 - 9 p.m., and Thursday, January 21, from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. All auditions will take place in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Those auditioning will be asked to read from the script. Copies of the script are available on reserve in the college's Learning Resources Center, located on the second floor of Building L.

"Six Degrees of Separation" is based on the statistical theory that any two people in the world can be connected to each other through only six other people.

Inspired by a true story, the play follows the trail of a black con man as he insinuates himself into the lives of wealthy New Yorkers. Moraine Valley's production, an Academic Theater production, marks the return of Joyce Porter, professor of Humanities/Theater at the college, to the director's chair.

For more information, call the Fine and Performing Arts Center at 708-974-5350.



Most of the copper produced in the world is used by the electrical industry, chiefly in the form of wire, because copper is the best low-cost conductor of electricity around.

Story Hours at the Chicago Ridge Public Library

The Youth Services Department of the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham, is preparing for the Winter Sessions of Story Hours for children.

Toddler Time for two year olds and a parent or guardian will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m., and at 10 a.m., and will begin on Tuesday, February 2, and will continue through March 23, 1999.

Story Hour for three, four, and five year old will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30, and will begin on February 3, and will continue through March 24, 1999. Sessions will also be offered on Thursday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., and 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.,

and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. These groups will begin on February 4, and continue through March 25, 1999.

Story Hour for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders will be offered on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30. This group will begin on February 4, and continue through March 25.

Group size for each group is limited, and advanced registration is required. Registration for all Story Hour begins on Monday, January 18 for Chicago Ridge residents. Nonresident registration begins on Wednesday, January 20, 1999. For more information about any Story Hour program please call the Chicago Ridge Public Library Youth Services Department at 423-7753.

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Electromagnetic fields used for treatment for MS

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America and Energy Medicine Development recently announced the completion of a double-blind, placebo-controlled study on pulsed electromagnetic fields (EMF's) and multiple sclerosis. Data from the study showed promising results in the treatment of fatigue, according to Dr. Eric Kramer, a principal investigator of the study and chief of neurology at Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center in Camden, New Jersey.

In addition to Cooper Hospital, the 119 patient study was conducted at the University of Washington in Seattle and the Neurology Center of Fairfax in Virginia. The treatment, known as "Enermed", is based on a relatively new, electrodeless technology that until 1996 was used primarily to treat migraine headaches. Research shows that MS sufferers, like migraine sufferers, tend to show abnormalities in specific bioelectric frequencies.

Technicians in the program take a reading of the electromagnetic signals emitted by each patient. A computer is then used to program a small battery powered device to emit signals to supplement those frequencies which appear to be deficient. The Enermed device, about the size of a man's wristwatch, is worn outside the body, runs on a 3-volt battery, is painless and appears to have no side effects or long-term risks.

Funded by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA), the 10-week, crossover study was designed to examine the effects of the Enermed device on a variety of MS symptoms. Spasticity and bladder control problems were the primary focus and results in these two areas did not show statistically significant treatment effects. However, according to Dr. Kramer, the study did have a positive outcome.

Little Company of Mary Hospital News

Allergies in Children - January 27 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fee - \$5 - Dr. Lourdes Floro, a pediatrician and an allergist will be speaking to make parents aware of allergic conditions affecting children and teach them management and control of allergies for a better quality of life. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: The Center for Health Education, Evergreen Plaza.

Birthing Basics - February 2, 9, and 16 - 7 - 9:30 p.m., or February 6, 13, & 20, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fee - \$50 - This three-session program provides basic education and childbirth skills for those preparing for childbirth, but are constrained by time. Call 708-229-5830 to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, 2800 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park.

Sibling Class - February 3 - 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Fee - \$10/child, \$15/family - This one-session class is structured to teach children what to expect as they prepare to become big brothers and sisters while they await the birth of

their new sibling. Call 708-422-6200, extension B-A-B-Y (2229) to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers.

Exercise Your Heart and Lungs - February 9 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fee \$5 - Significance of heart and lung exercise will be discussed along with integrating music, laughter and meditation. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Health Education Center, Chicago Ridge Mall.

Palos Hills present Collectors Show

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a Collectors Show on Saturday, January 30th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He fee for a space (6' x 6') with table is \$15.00. The show will be held at the Palos Hills Park Department. Admission is free for anyone interested in attending. Registration deadline is January 25th. Stop by and register early at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103 Street. For information call 430-4500.

Sertoma celebrates twenty years of service with Mardi Gras Night

The Twenties will come roaring in again during Mardi Gras Night at the Chateau Bu Sché on Saturday, January 30th! This year, the public is invited to join with the revelers in period costume, for an open bar, style buffet dinner and constant entertainment...all for just \$50.00 per person.

Guests are encouraged to wear the flapper looks and striped suits of the twenties to commemorate twenty years of service to the community provided by the Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center, on whose behalf the event was organized. Proceeds from the event will benefit speech and hearing

clients of the Center with much needed services they otherwise could not afford. The Chateau Bu Sché is located in Alsip, at 11535 S. Cicero Avenue.

In addition to dinner, dancing and entertainment, the event is highlighted by a raffle and Silent Auction including many unique and valuable gifts. Tickets to the event may be obtained by calling 708-599-9500.

As the only nonprofit provider of speech and hearing services in the area, the Center's mission is to provide quality professional services to speech and hearing impaired people at all income levels.

Palos Community Hospital February Calendar

Palos Community Hospital will hold the following community programs in February. All programs are held at Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue, Palos Heights, unless otherwise indicated. For more information, call the Public Relations Department at 708-923-4743, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Alanon - A support group for individuals affected by another's substance abuse. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and Fridays from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Conference Room A & B.

Alateen - A support group

for teenagers who have been affected by another's substance abuse. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. in Conference Room A & B.

Menopause - What to Expect - Learn all the facts about Menopause From Dr. Edward Ryan, an OB/GYN specialist at Palos Community Hospital. This free lecture is on Wednesday, February 17 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Palos Community Hospital Fitness Center, 15625 S. 94th Avenue in Orland Park. For more information, call Fitness Director Malena Shirley at 708-226-0555.

FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—Free copies of the study, "Building Family-School Partnerships: Views of Teachers and Students," are available by writing to: MetLife Survey of the American Teacher, P.O. Box 807, Madison Square Station, New York, New York 10159-0807 or by visiting the Web site at www.metlife.org.

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"The Feminine Ideal" symbol can help motivate women to reshape their attitude about their body image. For a free copy of the "Reshape Your Attitude" symbol, "The Feminine Ideal," call 1-800-962-0130.

Nutrition, an essential tool

The Cancer Support Center will host a special presentation on nutrition and its role in a combined approach to dealing with cancer. The program, facilitated by David Grotto, will be held on Wednesday, February 17 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the center.

Grotto, a registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Services at Block Medical Center in Evanston, is also the radio host of "Let's Talk Health Chicago", as well as a nutrition counselor at Mid-Oak Health Foods in Midlothian.

Research is increasingly showing the importance of nutrition and diet supplements as tools which may assist those living with cancer improve the quality of

life. Combined with conventional treatment and complementary therapies, it gives the individual the most comprehensive approach to healing. Equally important is that it's something each person can do on their own, part of gaining empowerment in living with cancer.

Nutrition, An Essential Tool, is offered as a drop-in workshop (no registration required); family and friends are also welcome to attend. The workshop, as with all programs at the center, is free of charge. Interested people are encouraged to drop in or call the Cancer Support Center at 708-798-9171 for additional information on this or other programs.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—A specially designed MRI, such as the GYROSCAN NT, manufactured by Philips Medical Systems, can help claustrophobic patients and children receive a thorough medical diagnosis. For more information, call 1-800-526-4963 or 203-926-7674 or e-mail questions to info@pmna.com.

If carpenter ants are found in your walls, experts recommend a dusting with Dursban insecticide.

Motorists are updating their car's A/C system to use a new environmentally friendly refrigerant, R-134a, instead of the discontinued refrigerant, Freon.

Another one million small U.S. businesses are expected to go online this year, using tools such as Publisher 98 software.

Traditional Chilean dishes, such as Pastel de Choclo, a succulent corn, chicken and



beef pie, are even more delicious when accompanied by Chilean wine such as Viña Tarapacá 1996 Merlot or the 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon, both now available in the U.S.

The Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker program is the nation's first and only curriculum leading to a master cheesemaker certification and this year resulted in four outstanding cheesemakers.

Cookies such as Rocky Road Bars, made with crunchy nutritious walnuts, are a delicious lunchtime treat.



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Beverly Theatre Guild cures cabin fever

The Beverly Theatre Guild a 36th season of live theater continues with a comedy, to cure cabin fever, "E/R, Emergency Room." The show was first produced at the Organic Theater in 1982, long before the popular television series. The show features all of the amusing and sometimes touching situation that patients bring to the dedicated doctors and nurses of Lincoln Memorial Hospital, on Chicago's north side. The show is directed by Melissa McGuire of Evergreen Park, and she is pleased to announce a cast of 33 talented actors which include: Mark Flamboyas of Palos Heights as ambulance attendant; Kevin Traynor of Oak Lawn as a ambulance driver; Chelsea Traynor of Oak Lawn as a child; Harry McKay and David Brodsky of Evergreen Park; Curtis Fleharty, Mr. Surath, and Kaitlin Fleharty of Oak Lawn.

Performance dates are Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 7 at 2 p.m.

Romantic eligibles to avoid loneliest day of the year

Valentine's Day is always the loneliest day of the year for singles. That's why hundreds of Chicagoland's most romantically eligible will attend a Meet Your Valentine Party, Friday, February 12, 1999, 6 p.m. - 2 a.m., at Art Bar, 215 W. Chicago, in Chicago.

This party is one of over a dozen that will be held throughout the world during Meet Your Valentine Weekend, February 12 - 14. These parties are sponsored by American Singles, the world's largest nonprofit singles organization, Together Singles Productions, and Cupid's Network, the world's largest website for romantic eligibles at www.cupidnet.com (one million hits per day).

The Chicago party is Chicagoland's 4th Annual Meet Your Valentine Extravaganza, featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 6 - 8 p.m., door prizes, special guests, hosts, speakers, dancing to popular hits, and billiards. The donation is \$15/advance or \$20/door. Proceeds benefit American Singles' Education Fund.

at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street. Call 312-409-2705 for tickets which are \$13.00 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students. Medical personnel with valid I.D. will receive a \$2.00 discount. The show is recommended for mature audiences because of some subject matter.

Oak Lawn Community announce new crest

Eric O'Brien, a junior at Oak Lawn Community High School, won the all-school crest contest. The crest is new to the school and represents its purpose and identity.

There were eleven entries in the contest. Students developed and submitted entries using important school criteria, such as the date the school was established (1952), school colors, the mascot (Spartan), and symbols representing the goals and mission of the school.

Adults of all ages are welcome. Coat and tie/ dressy attire are recommended. For more information call 312/661-1976.

Moraine Valley to conduct career assessment seminar

Moraine Valley Community College will conduct a career assessment seminar beginning in February.

The seminar will take place on Mondays, February 8, February 22, and March 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. It will be held in the College Center, Room 216, on the campus.

Participants will make informed career choices and develop a career plan by taking and reviewing the results of three assessment instruments that identify career interests and abilities.

The fee is \$30. For more information, call the Counseling and Career Development Center at 708-974-5722.

Cheetah Charities raise money for PBS

Members of the Cook County Cheetah Baseball Charity Organization (Cheetah Charities) participated in the Channel 11 PBS Telethon. They assisted in taking pledges for five hours that raised over \$40,000 to support public television.

In 1998 Cheetah Charities assisted in raising awareness and money for Sertoma, Park Lawn, and Y-ME. In 1999 Cheetah Charities are planning the following events: Cheetah Caravan to benefit Sertoma, 5K Hit and Run to benefit Park Lawn, Lou Gehrig Memorial Golf Outing to benefit MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association), Meet the "League of their Own" Girls to benefit United Way, "George Werner Memorial Family Miniature Golf Outing," to benefit Shriners Memorial Hospital, Meet a REAL Cheetah" to benefit the Cheetah Conservation Fund, and Kiwanis Peanut Days. Opening day is set for June 2, 1999 at the Cheetah's new stadium Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood. For more information on tickets or to become a sponsor please contact Laura Bland 708-489-2255.

Mardi Gras Madness at Our Lady of the Snows

The first Mardi Gras Celebration is being planned at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, 4810 S. Leamington in Chicago for Saturday, February 13th from 6 p.m. to midnight and on Sunday, February 14th from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The theme for this event is appropriately entitled: "We're Going to Party Likes It's 1999".

On Saturday there is a door charge of \$5.00. Wear a costume and get in free. A new Orleans Dinner plate will be served, along with sandwiches and snacks. Mini Mardi Gras Parades, shows, booths, gambling, cash bar, and raffles will add to an entertaining, enjoyable and fun-filled evening for adults 21 and over.

Scholarship deadline for high school and college students

High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a grade point average of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only). To receive an application, send a request by March 16, 1999 to Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation at 721 North McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012; fax a request to

Sunday features a special Valentine Buffet Breakfast starting at 8 a.m. For advance tickets please stop at the church on Sunday mornings throughout January, or phone orders can be made through Fran Anderson at (708) 594-1530. The ticket for breakfast for adults is \$5.00, children 4 to 10 at \$4.00 and tots 3 and under are free. More mini Mardi Gras parades, along with the traditional bead throwing will be included on Sunday, a Valentine Booth awarding gifts for the one you love is also featured. An interesting "book nook" corner, offering slightly used books for your Lenten reading is also featured. The regular Sunday Bingo will begin at 3:30 p.m.

847-295-3972; or e-mail a request to scholar@ecsf.org.

All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate grade point average, and year in school during the 1998-99 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 9, 1999.

Winterfest to be held in Palos Heights

Lake Katherine Nature Preserve, The Friends of Lake Katherine, and the Palos Heights Recreation Department, present the 7th annual Winterfest. The Winterfest will take place at the Environmental Learning Center in Palos Heights.

The fest's best attractions is a dog-sled team lead by Tom Martin "musher" and wildlife artist Tom also gives rides to the kids and will be showing off some new dog sled puppies! Bring your cross country skis or use snowshoes which are available to walk your way down the snowed in trails. Warm up in the Center and discover children's crafts, candle making demonstrations, puppet shows, live Irish Folk Music or visit the wild animal. Food concessions will be available, and you can be the judge for the annual Hearty Winter Soup Contest featuring: Mama Vesuvio East, Glengarriff, and Dunlaps.

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Early Referral To A Specialist Could Save Your Life

(NAPS)—Studies show that people who receive early referral to a specialist have higher survival rates. A statewide study in Pennsylvania revealed that heart attack patients treated by specialists had a 26 percent lower mortality rate than those treated only by primary care physicians.

If you have two or more of these symptoms—dizziness, shortness of breath, palpitations or fainting—and have had a heart attack, see your physician immediately. Ask if a referral to a heart rhythm specialist is right for you.

Consider this example: Six months before his 62nd birthday, Arnie experienced spells of dizziness and felt like his heart was racing, causing shortness of breath. He even fainted once for no apparent reason. Because his father had died from cardiac arrest, Arnie made an appointment with his family doctor.

"These could be symptoms of a heart rhythm problem," the doctor said. "I want you to see an electrophysiologist. That's a cardiologist specially trained in heart rhythm disorders. He has tests to determine the problem and best treatment. It's good you came in right away."

Arnie saw the electrophysiologist and learned he had an abnormally-fast heart rhythm, a potentially life-threatening condition called tachycardia.

"The reason you passed out is because you had an episode of rapid heart beats," the specialist said. "You were lucky.



This condition is fatal in 350,000 Americans each year. As many as half of all patients with seriously fast heart rates may die in the first year after diagnosis.

"I recommend a small implantable defibrillator," he said. "Recent studies show that patients with your condition who have defibrillators live longer than those on heart rhythm medications. If your heart beats too fast, the defibrillator automatically senses it and corrects the heartbeat. It's like having an emergency room in your chest."

Two months later, just before retirement, Arnie's heart began beating too fast, becoming chaotic and irregular. He passed out while walking alone in the woods, but the defibrillator stopped the rapid pulses. Arnie's heartbeat was normal within seconds. A follow-up visit confirmed that he had an episode of ventricular fibrillation. Had it not been for the life-saving therapy of the implantable device, Arnie would have died within minutes. Instead, he is enjoying retirement.

For additional information on heart rhythm disorders, check the American Heart Association website at www.americanheart.org.

Are You And Your Broker Ready For The Year 2000?

By Michael Jones

(NAPS)—Are you aware of the impact that the year 2000 could have on your investment? Have you asked your broker and brokerage firm what they are doing to meet the Year 2000 challenge?

What is the Year 2000 challenge? It arises from the fact that most automated systems, such as computers, have been programmed to use a two-digit number, instead of a four-digit number, to represent the year. Since dates are essential to many automated functions, it is absolutely critical for firms to act now to assess their business environments and make necessary changes to ensure that systems will correctly process "00" as the year 2000, rather than 1900, when processing dates on and after January 1, 2000.

What should you do to protect your interests?

- Ask your broker what his/her firm is doing to become Year 2000 ready.

- Find out how you can be assured that your interest and dividend payments will not be affected after January 1, 2000.

- Ask if your brokerage firm will be undergoing industry-wide testing to ensure Year 2000 compliance.

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as a whole, will be better prepared to face the Year 2000 challenge together.

For more information about the NASD's Year 2000 Program and about what you as an investor can do, contact:

NASD Year 2000 Program Office, 15201 Diamondback Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

Or, call (888) 227-1330. You can also e-mail us at y2k@nasd.com. Another way to get information is to visit the Year 2000 Web Pages on the NASD Web Site (www.nasd.com) and the NASD Regulation Web Site (www.nasdr.com).

Michael Jones is chief administrative officer of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), the parent company of the Nasdaq Stock Market and NASD Regulation (NASR), which holds the brokerage industry to the highest possible standard. To learn about the basics of investments and some of the resources available to individual investors, visit the NASD Office of Individual Investor Services Web site at www.investor.nasd.com.

NEWS OF SAFETY

(NAPS)—Don't stay in the dark when it comes to helping yourself on the road at night.

While you can't necessarily predict when engine trouble and accidents will happen, you can make sure you are prepared.

When you're on the road, experts recommend you keep the following items in your vehicle:

- Jumper cables
- A blanket
- A spare tire (check it periodically to be sure it has enough air)

- A cellular telephone (especially one that does not depend on the car or truck battery for operation)

- A supply of lighting tools in case of emergencies

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health hints Controlling Diabetes Makes A Huge Difference

(NAPS)—If you or someone you know has diabetes, taking control of the disease may not only help you feel better now, but also lower your chances of health problems in the future.

Consider these tips for blood sugar control:

- **Test your own blood sugar.** Ask your health care provider when and how often.

- **Ask your health care provider for a simple blood test called a hemoglobin A1c test** at least twice a year.

- **Keep a record** of your blood tests, medicines and daily events. Review the record with your health care provider.

- **Take your diabetes medicine** as prescribed.

- **Eat foods to control your blood sugar.** See a dietitian or a diabetes educator to create a meal plan that is right for you.

- **Get more physical activity.** If you haven't been active, start slowly. Good activities are walking and swimming.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently launched the National Diabetes Education Program's *Control Your Diabetes. For Life.* campaign to encourage Americans with diabetes to control their blood sugar levels because it can make a huge difference in the quality of their lives.

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

BBQ Chicken Pizza Combines Two All-Time American Favorites

(NAPS)—From its European origins, pizza has made its way west to become an all-time American favorite, with more than three billion pies sold each year.

Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza a day. That's 350 slices per second. And the varieties are endless, with everyone savoring a favorite combination of toppings for a succulent slice.

One of the most popular choices is BBQ Chicken Pizza, originated at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK). This juicy, zesty arrangement combines a pair of all-time faves—BBQ chicken and pizza.

"We like to take tastes that people are familiar with and put them onto great pizza dough," says CPK co-founder Larry Flax.

CPK offers these tips for making great pizza:

- Don't go overboard on the cheese, which should never be more than 1/2 inch thick on top of the pie;
- Vegetables should be sliced very thin to allow for proper evaporation and prevent the pizza from getting soggy;
- Evenly distribute toppings. Provide a representative piece in every bite; and
- Have fun.

This recipe for BBQ Chicken Pizza can be made with fresh dough or ready-made pizza crust for added convenience, and utilizes the heating properties of a pizza stone for even cooking.

THE ORIGINAL BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA
Makes two 9-inch pizzas

For BBQ Chicken Pieces:
10 ounces boneless/skinless chicken



BBQ Chicken Pizza offers a tangy twist on a couple of classic favorites.

- breasts, cut into 1/4-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons BBQ sauce (spicy-sweet variety)

For the Pizza:

- 2 9-inch ready-made pizza crusts or dough for two 9-inch pizzas
- Cornmeal, semolina or flour for handling
- 1/2 cup BBQ sauce (same as for chicken)
- 2 tablespoons shredded smoked Gouda cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 small red onion, sliced into 1/8-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

To make BBQ Chicken:

In a large frying pan, cook the chicken in olive oil over medium-high heat until just cooked, 5 to 6 minutes. Do not overcook. Set aside in the refrigerator until chilled through. Once chilled, coat the chicken with 2 tablespoons BBQ sauce; set aside in the refrigerator.

To make the pizza:

1. Place a pizza stone

in the center of the oven and preheat to 500°F for one hour before cooking pizzas.

2. Use a large spoon to spread 1/4 cup BBQ sauce evenly over the surface of the prepared dough within the rim. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon smoked Gouda cheese over the sauce. Cover with 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella.

3. Distribute half the chicken pieces evenly over the cheese (approximately 18 pieces). Place approximately 18 to 20 pieces of red onion over the surface. Sprinkle an additional 1/4 cup mozzarella over the top of the pizza.

4. Transfer the pizza to the oven; bake until the crust is crisp and golden and the cheese at the center is bubbly, 8 to 10 minutes. When the pizza is cooked, carefully remove it from the oven; sprinkle 1 tablespoon cilantro over the hot surface. Slice and serve.

5. Repeat with remaining ingredients for a second pizza. (The two pizzas may be prepared simultaneously if you are careful in placing the pizzas at opposite corners of your pizza stone.)

Don't forget, October is National Pizza Month, a great time to show off your pie-in-the-sky culinary skills. For more mouth-watering recipes, including CPK's fresh pizza dough recipes, check out *The California Pizza Kitchen Cookbook* at bookstores, any CPK restaurant, or on the company's website at www.cpk.com. All proceeds from the cookbook go to charity.

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Moraine Valley begins spring semester registration

Now is the time to register for spring semester classes at Moraine Valley Community College. The 15-week semester begins Jan. 19 and ends May 22.

Registration will run through the first week of classes. Classes are \$44 per credit hour plus fees and books. Many non credit classes will also be offered, though fees for these classes vary.

Moraine Valley offers classes for those interested in transferring to four-year colleges and universities, earning associate's degrees or certificates to enter the work force, or updating or learning new skills. The college also offers many non credit programs, courses, workshops, and seminars.

Transfer programs are available for those students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges or university after graduating from Moraine Valley. Students can earn Associate in Arts, Associate in Fine Arts, or Associate in Science degrees.

Students can also choose from the many career programs offered at the college. Students can earn Associate in Applied Science degrees and certificates in many Al-

lied Health and Nursing, Business, Industrial Technology, and Public Service areas. Some of these programs include Health Information Technology, Respiratory Therapy Technology, Restaurant/Hotel Management, Computer Graphics, Computer Aided Design, Nondestructive Evaluation, Child Care, and Criminal Justice.

Moraine Valley has established guidelines to guarantee the transferability of course credits to other colleges and universities, and to guarantee the technical skill competencies expected by employers.

Some of the college's courses are offered in different formats to accommodate different needs of students. Directed Study classes combine independent study and classroom work. Students meet on alternate weeks and devote extra time to homework, library assignments, and instructor conferences. Telecourses offer flexibility and convenience to students by allowing them to attend limited class meetings, set up their own study hours, and work at their own pace.

Short-Term Classes are designed for those who want

to earn college credit quickly, as well as for those interested in picking up extra classes once the semester begins. Although these mini-semester classes are shorter than regular semester classes (they range in length from two to 11 weeks), the same amount of material is covered. The Weekend Degree Program allows students to earn a degree while attending classes on Friday evenings and Saturdays.

Credit and non credit classes are also offered at many sites throughout the college district. These Extension Centers are located at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Evergreen Park High School, and Oak Lawn High School. The college's Distance Education Program allows students to attend classes at any of nine other colleges or universities without leaving the Palos Hills campus. Classes are conducted via electronic equipment such as video cameras, monitors, and microphones.

Moraine Valley also offers programs to assist adult students returning to school. The Returning Woman Pro-

gram is designed to meet the special needs of adult women who decide to return to college or enroll for the first time.

Many other services are also available to Moraine Valley students, including a Children's Learning Center, Academic Advising Center, Counseling and Career Development Center, Job Placement Center, Minority Student Transfer Center, and Center for Disability Services.

OTHER CLASSES

NON CREDIT

IBM Computers for Older Adults - Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon beginning January 25 at Moraine Valley's Center for Contemporary Technology, Room 901, Lab D. Fee - \$105

Manual Communications I - Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning January 26 at Moraine Valley's Building A, Room 151. Fee - \$80

IBM Computers for Older Adults - Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon beginning January 26 at Moraine Valley's Center for Contemporary Technology, Room 901, Lab D. Fee - \$105

IBM Computers for Older Adults - Tuesdays

from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. beginning January 26 at Moraine Valley's Center for Contemporary Technology, Room 901, Lab D. Fee - \$105

Beginning Conversational Greek - Tuesdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning January 26 at Moraine Valley's Building A, Room 233. Fee \$100

Beginning Conversational Italian - Tuesdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning January 26 at Moraine Valley's Building B, Room 203. Fee \$100

Beginning Conversational Polish - Tuesdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning January 26 at Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center, Room 234. Fee \$100

IBM Computers for Older Adults - Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon beginning January 27 at Moraine Valley's Center for Contemporary Technology, Room 901, Lab D. Fee - \$105

IBM Computers for Older Adults - Thursdays from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. beginning January 28 at Moraine Valley's Center for Contemporary Technology, Room 901, Lab D. Fee - \$105

Manual Communications II - Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning January 28 at Moraine Valley's Building A, Room 152. Fee - \$80

Beginning Conversational Italian - Thursdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning January 28 at Moraine Valley's Building A, Room 154. Fee \$100

Beginning Conversational Spanish - Thursdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning January 28 at Moraine Valley's Building B, Room 111. Fee \$100

Yoga I - Thursdays from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. beginning January 28 at Moraine Valley's Building G, Room 200. Fee - \$70

Yoga II - Thursdays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. beginning January 28 at Moraine Valley's Building G, Room 200. Fee - \$70

Tai Chi - Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. beginning January 30 at Moraine Valley's Building G, Room 200. Fee - \$80

Energize Yourself - Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. beginning February 1 at Carl Sandburg High School. Fee - \$42

Tai Chi - Mondays from 8 - 10 p.m. beginning February 1 at Carl Sandburg High School. Fee - \$80

Designing Your Landscape - Mondays from 7 - 10 p.m. beginning February 1 at Carl Sandburg High School. Fee - \$48

Beginning Conversational French - Mondays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning February 1 at Moraine Valley's Building A, Room 151. Fee \$100

Beginning Conversational German - Mondays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning February 1 at Carl Sandburg High School. Fee \$100

Fundamentals of Floral Design - Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. beginning February 2 at Moraine Valley Fine and Performing Arts Center, Room 159. Fee \$68 plus materials.

Business of Floral Design - Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. beginning February 3 at Moraine Valley Fine and Performing Arts Center, Room 160. Fee \$68 plus materials.

Beginning Quilting - Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. beginning February 3 at Evergreen Park High School. Fee - \$90, plus materials.

Food Service Sanitation - Wednesdays from 6:30 - 9 p.m. beginning February 3 at Evergreen Park High School. Fee - \$105

Beginning Conversational Arabic - Wednesdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning February 3 at Moraine Valley's Building A, Room 202. Fee \$100

Beginning Conversational German - Wednesdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning February 3 at Carl Sandburg High School. Fee \$100

Stained Glass - Thursdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m. beginning February 4 at Stagg High School. Fee - \$100, plus materials and tools.

Food Service Sanitation - Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Moraine Valley's Building B, Room 203. Fee - \$105

Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone by calling (708) 974-2110. More information can be obtained on the college's web site at <http://www.moraine.cc.il.us>.

Astrological consultant to predict romantic futures

Each of us has a social life, a business life, a food life, and especially on Valentine's Day, a love life. In honor of Valentine's Day, Foodlife hosts a visit by Sylvia Friedman, a leading astrological consultant, who will share her insight and love life predictions on Saturday, February 13 from noon to 2 p.m. at Foodlife, located on the mezzanine level of Water Tower Place. In addition, guests will enjoy two special mini-performances at noon and 1 p.m., by the cast of "Forever Plaid," now playing at the Royal George Cabaret Theatre. Both activities are open to the public and free of charge.

Friedman's individual counseling will offer advice on how to manage a relationship with the aid of astrology as well as offer predictions of romantic futures for singles and couples. "Astrological Advance Notice" is what Friedman feels provides individuals with deep insight, necessary for being

a relationship.

The cast of the Chicago production of Stuart Ross' nostalgic musical comedy, "Forever Plaid," will present a special sampling of the musical's popular songs from the 50's and 60's. In its fifth year at the Royal George Cabaret Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted Street, this production has become the longest-running production of "Forever Plaid" ever, surpassing the long-run theater records set by New York, Boston, Toronto, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Minneapolis, Denver and Las Vegas.

Come spend an afternoon in Foodlife. Enjoy the feel of a casual restaurant with the open air quality of a village square. The chefs Michael Cech and Marc Bernard have combined their talents here to present a diverse array of food choices. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, diners can enjoy a variety of foods, including Asian noodle-shop cuisine, made-to-order Wraps,

homemade pasta, fresh squeezed juices from the Miracle Juice Bar, juicy hamburgers and grilled sandwiches, an all-you-can-eat soup bar, fresh vegan fare from the Food for Life kitchen, pizza, salads, and Mexican fare.

For more information, call foodlife at (312) 335-FOOD.

Winter registration continues at Palos Hills

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is still taking winter registration. Several new programs along with the usual favorites are being offered such as: Tap & Ballet, Pillow Hockey, Cardio Boxing, line dancing, and many other exciting activities and field trips for anyone of any age. Stop by and register now at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103 Street. For information call 430-4500.

Burbank Park District holds registration

The Burbank Park District, 8050 S. Newcastle, is currently holding registration for winter/spring programs. Some of the programs being offered are: karate, dance, wellness workshops, financial seminars, trips, fitness classes, youth sports, varied interests and much more. Call the park office at 708-599-2070 for more information.

Frost 5-K Run/Walk Event - The run/walk will start and finish at Newcastle Park on January 23. Long sleeved T-shirts will be given to the first 100 participants. Awards will be presented to the overall winner and 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. This race is TAC certified. To receive a registration form or more information please call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070.

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- Use only one entry into your home. A sturdy nylon mat can catch an amazing amount of dirt.
- Work from the top of a room down. Dust first, vacuum last.
- Give cleaning solutions time to work. Spritz the light fixtures and mirrors in the bath and let the cleaner work while you scrub the tub and toilet. Then come back to them.
- Defy dust. Change furnace filters and replace vacuum bags monthly.
- Kill germs. Always disinfect doorknobs, switch plates and telephones.
- Know when to say "Help!" If you can't get the job done the way you want, check the directory for the nearest Merry Maids or call 1-800-WE-SERVE or check the Web site for more information at www.merrymaids.com.

Drury Lane Oakbrook starts 1999 with comedy

Ken Ludwig's opera-themed screwball comedy "Lend Me a Tenor" has ambitions no loftier than to make you laugh, which it will do consistently at Drury Lane Oakbrook from January 13 until March 7, 1999. Winner of two Tony Awards, four Drama Desk Awards and three Outer Critic's Circle Awards, it opened on Broadway ten years ago. Artistic Director Ray Frewen will direct the eight member cast.

The setting for this rib-tickling comedy is Cleveland, Ohio in 1934. The Cleveland Grand Opera Company is putting on Verdi's "Othello" with a world famous tenor, Tito Merelli. The unscrupulous company manager, Saunders, and his gofer-flunky, Max, are waiting for the tardy arrival of the soft-womanizing, hard-drinking tenor. He eventually turns up with his long suffering but tempestuous wife. Unfortunately, the guest star tenor is sick and who will replace him?

Veteran Drury Lane Oakbrook performers Scott Ament (Run For Your Wife

and Forum) and Bob Romeo (Annie Get Your Gun and Oklahoma) will entertain audiences as the Bellhop and Tito Merelli. Other cast members include Kathy Santen as Diana, Laura Whyte as Julia, Aasne Vigasaa as Maggie and Lisa Meninger as Maria.

Preview performances are scheduled for Wednesday, January 13 through Sunday, January 17 at 2:30 p.m. "Lend Me a Tenor" will open January 17 at 7 p.m. The performance schedule preview week and thereafter is: Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Individuals ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 and dinner/theater packages range from \$30.50 to \$38.75. Tickets are available at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Box Office or by calling the Box Office at (630) 530-0111. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster outlets and Ticketmaster phone charge (312) 902-1500. For Group Sales call (630) 530-8300.

Livent invites Chicagoans to tour Ford Center's Oriental Theatre

Livent is offering tours of the restored and renovated Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 West Randolph Street, every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

The 45 minute guided tour will take patrons through the lobbies and auditorium of the Oriental Theatre highlighting interesting details about the theatre's legendary history and architecture. Tickets for the tour are priced at \$4.00 and can be purchased at the Ford Center Box Office. Tickets may be purchased during regular box office hours, and can be utilized for admittance to any scheduled tour.

Construction crews worked for over a year to transform the historic but dilapidated Oriental Theatre into a state-of-the-art venue for the presentation of modern musical theater productions, the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre. Combining preservation and progress, the refurbished and renovated the-

ater has been modernized, while retaining the building's original grandeur, offering its audiences all contemporary comforts and conveniences, exceptional sightlines and an intimate auditorium, plus the modern technology required for the presentation of Broadway-caliber musical theater productions.

One of the first motion picture palaces whose decor was inspired by the Far East, Chicago's Oriental Theatre originally opened to much fanfare in 1926. The 3,238 seat theater was the sixth theater designed by acclaimed architects, Cornelius W. and George L. Rapp, for theater operators Balaban and Katz, and was soon regarded as a jewel in Chicago's thriving downtown theater district. The theater features a grand lobby, with polychromed figures and large mosaics of an Indian prince and princess, an inner foyer with multicolored glazed Buddhas, an auditorium with moldings of grotesque ani-

mal figures, drummers, water-bearing maidens and a large seated Buddha. Although it was added to the Federal National Registry of Historic Places in 1978, it fell into disrepair and has been closed to the public since 1981. Working with Chicago mayor Richard M. Daley, Livent acquired the Oriental in 1996, renaming it the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, oriental Theatre in 1997.

The Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre opened in 1998 with the Chicago premiere of Livent's Tony Award-winning musical adaptation of E. L. Doctorow's novel, Ragtime. Patrons may purchase Ragtime tickets at the box office located at 24 W. Randolph, by calling the Livent Line at 312-902-1400; at any Ticketmaster ticket center or on-line via www.Ticketmaster.com. Tickets range in price from \$27.50 - \$75.00, and are currently on sale through April 11.

St. Bernadette to hold Family Nights

St. Bernadette School will present "The Pro-Kids Show" on Friday, January 29, at 7 p.m. It is a fast-paced, entertaining one-man show with songs, amazing illusions, comedy and audience participation. The programs have been seen by more than one million people throughout the country.

The Pro-Kids Show has been described as "refreshingly wholesome," "hilariously entertaining," and "an

experience no one should miss", while describing performer Tim Hannig as "a combination of many things: magician, slapstick comedian, singer and storyteller." In addition to Tim's school programs, he also entertained audiences for three summers at Six Flags theme parks in Chicago, Atlanta, and New Jersey.

The Pro-Kids Show is more than just entertainment. It has a message for students and families, re-

vealed with wit and warmth. School principal, Sister Ann Brummel said: "We are really excited to offer this special program to our school family." Additionally, the principal noted, the students will see a totally different "Pro-Kids Show" presentation on Friday, January 29, at 1:15 p.m. This show will feature entertaining messages for children about honesty, respect, and good citizenship.

Students of the month at OLCHS

Oak Lawn Community High School's Physical Education and Health Students of the Month for December are: Melissa Storm and Amy Zero in Physical Education, and Marjorie Koeppen in Health. These students have demonstrated excellent physical and academic skills, are of great assistance to their teachers, and have extended themselves far beyond the general expectations.

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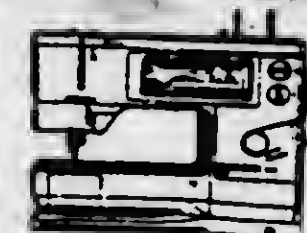
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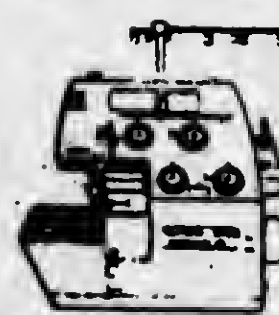
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St Pete Singles meet Jan 22nd

Singles 45 and older are invited to Tivoli Gardens 3258 N Harlem for a dance doors open 8:45 pm and at the Galaxy Jan 23rd, 4663 Ruby in Schiller Park.

Coat and ties are required. Admission is \$7.00 per person for further information call 312-337-7814.

Live bands are featured.

UPA Queens Ball at Polonia

Miss UPA Michelle Jordan will be honored by a Queens Ball Sat Jan 23rd, starting at 6pm in the Polonia Banquet Hall 4604 S Archer.

Casey Homel Honkiest Polka Band along with Rich Gomulka vocalist will be featured.

Admission is \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door. Tickets can be obtained from Lorrie Hzyny 1-773-585-9555

Sullivan-Woodlawn Post 746 A.L. Closed

One of the oldest American Legion Posts on the southwest side 746 has shut its doors.

Members are looking for a storage area, and are holding their meetings on their regularly scheduled 3pm 3rd Sunday of the month meeting at O'Donnell-Eddy Floss Post 714 6136 S Pulaski.



Alderman Frank Olivo presenting a city proclamation to Lorainne Cimino widow of Sam Cimino during the civic leagues most recent meeting



Scenes from a recent Down's Syndrome Christmas Party held jointly by DesPlaines Valley Post 6863 VFW, Bridgeport Post 5079 VFW, and The Rangers SAC. at the Post 6863's home 7256 W 63rd in Summit

13th ward Alderman Frank Olivo: (Midway Noise Commission.) treats area "Like 2nd class citizens"

by Lee J Keslin

Speaking at the January regular second Tuesday of the month meeting of the Clearing Civic League.

13th ward Alderman Frank Olivo in his annual appearance before the group made this observation when the subject of the Midway Airport Noise Compatibility Commission came up.

Olivo was reacting to a report civic league member Arthur Hill was giving about the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission intention to hold quarterly meetings as opposed to once a month meeting previously done and still being done by the O'Hare Airport Noise Commission.

Hill reported that the city administration spent a million dollars in legal fees trying to keep a report from going public and openly speculated how many homes could have been soundproofed with that amount of money.

The money involved is raised by a \$3.00 passenger tax

charged by the city which goes to the operation and expansion of the airport including the financing of expansion and residential soundproofing.

An additional 150 homes are scheduled to be soundproofed around Midway this year and 900 to be soundproofed at O'Hare

In discussing soundproofing Olivo urged residents call in their complaints. Because the city bases the need on those complaints. The number is 1-800-914-8537

The O'Hare group has a separate noise monitoring system independent of Chicago. Issues reports of votes and progress reports apparently the Midway group doesn't

On other matters Olivo responded to a question by Fleming/Grimes LSC member Chris Powers

She suggested a site of 64th Place and Linder as a possible location for expansion for the school.

In receiving the information Olivo announced the need

for expansion at Fleming/Grimes and for a new school in the 13th ward as well as the need for expansion in several other schools in the ward

He also announced changes in the 13th ward boundary which took the east side of Austin up to Major, the north side of 63rd up to 59th, and placed it into the 23rd ward.

The opposite side of 63rd up to 65th from a finger going up to Narragansett down to Cicero and beyond remains in the 13th.

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A group shot of Clearing Civic League officers along with 13th ward alderman Frank Olivo, center, Rich Zilka, Jim McGuire, Frank Schriber, Dave Pavic, Kurt Schalk, Ron Pechlof, Hazel Noyes, Maralyn Schriber, Marie Zilka, and Mary Kucera

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Village of Chicago Ridge - January 5, 1999

By Jude Coyle

Mayor Eugene L. Siegel called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Charles Tokar called roll. Trustees James S. Saunoris, Janunita A. Babcock, Larry Grove, Daniel Badon, George A. Ryniak and Maureen P. Socha answered. Attorney George Witous arrived late.

Two businesses applied for licenses: Sun Towing, of 9960 Anderson, a recovery and towing company, will tow repossessed vehicles. They plan to park vehicles on their property for up to seven days, and then tow them to the auction. K's Limousine and Detailing also of 9960 Anderson will detail and wax vehicles. Two limos, an '89 black Volvo, and an '89 white Sable, will be available for rental.

Engineer Chris Burke updated the Board on the Southwest Highway Bridge Project. Contractors will begin work during the first week in February, weather permitting. The Mayor requested that sidewalks separate from the roadway be built on both sides. Because of the age of the bridge, it was built in 1934, it will not withstand traffic and recon-

struction. Traffic will be detoured down either 95 Street or 111th. Heavily affected will be 103rd Street. Remedies will be sought by the Traffic Control Committee.

The cement pile at the Industrial Park has been cleaned up, although the owner has not black topped yet. Fire Chief Randy Gross was to investigate and issue appropriate tickets. In violation of fire ordinances, diesel fuel and gas are stored in drums on the property.

Jack Lind of Public Works thanked the Police, their dispatchers and Public Work employees for their hard work throughout the storm. A resident reported that a now plow had broken the mirror off a car that had been parked in the alley during the plowing.

Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn have purchased a new salt wetting system. A computerized pump and tank fit onto a salt truck. An arm sprays a compound onto the salt before dispersing it. The salt doesn't bounce and cars are able to track it further. Plain salt becomes ineffective at 18 degrees. Wet salt loses its effectiveness at -15 degrees. Five thousands gal-

lon storage tanks costs about \$9,540, and a 3,000 gallon storage tank will cost about \$8,840. Mr. Lind asked that the Village consider this as a possible purchase next year. The mayor felt that it would be worth while to check into purchasing it this year.

Another purchase Mr. Lind felt should be considered for next year is a tractor with a 48 inch snow blower. This measures just smaller than the average sidewalk. During the summer months the snow blower could be removed and the tractor fitted with a fork for lifting, etc. About 130 elderly residents asked for help with snow removal. E.S.D.A. personnel had helped about 30 residents at that point. Mr. Lind was concerned that the small snow blowers in use would give out. Again, the Mayor wanted to check into purchasing it this year. Estimates ran about \$10,000.

Mr. Lind expressed concern over buried hydrants. He asked that paid on call firefighters or part time city workers help clean snow away. The Mayor promised that pleas would be made to

homeowners for help via the public access channel on cable.

Bruce Thomas reported that he had lost five more men the weekend of the storm due to jobs or schools. He began with 18 and is now down to eight men. He thanked E.S.D.A. for their efforts and reminded the Board that these men had been working around the clock without pay.

The Mayor presented checks to the library for \$6,241.84, to the Park District for \$750.00, to School District 127-1/2 for \$1,500.00. The money came from impact fees charged condo and multiple family home owners.

Metricom, a wireless communication firm, plans to place show box size boxes on light poles. This would provide mobile access to the Internet. Customers would pay \$300 for a modem, which is a small box that would be velcroed to the back of a P.C. or a notebook, and \$29.95 a month. Several towns have already approved this and several more are expected to soon.

The Committee Meeting concluded at approximately

8:45 p.m. The Board Meeting picked up immediately after.

The reading of the December 15, Board Meeting Minutes was waived, and accepted as is. Bills approved for payment included Engineer Burke for \$7,581.50, and \$6,272.55 on the Southwest Highway project; for Attorney Witous for \$3,323.75 for December; for Martam Construction for \$26,790.30 for 103rd Street Lift Station; Celtic Electric for \$34,005.60 for Marshall area lighting; the Celtic proposal for \$1,700 lighting change order; on the Municipal Complex, and Ski-Dan Plumbing for \$1,128.

An amendment to the Dram Shop Act allows the Village to restrict minors from entering bars. Restaurants and food shops whose main business is not selling alcohol are excluded. Another Ordinance was a model ordinance called Construction Right-of-Way. This would require telecommunication companies to provide surety bonds when digging, drilling or other intrusive construction is required for installation. They would also be required to make repairs

later.

Business licenses for Sun Towing and K's Limousine and Detailing were granted. The agreement allowing Metricom to operate in Chicago Ridge was accepted.

A model Sexual Harassment Policy from Ancel, Glink was discussed. Attorney Witous questioned this policy because it differs from the Illinois Human Rights Act and Federal policy. The state requires that all municipalities adopt a sexual harassment policy. The attorney will check into this and report back to the Board.

NICOR has offered the Village \$14,000 in cash in lieu of free franchise gas it normally provides. This was tabled until more research could be done.

The Board voted to research the wet salt system, the snow blower and tractor discussed during the committee meeting. Considering that either item would fall below the \$10,000 maximum, the bidding process could be waived.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, at 7 p.m.

Palos Hills Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills City Council meeting of January 7 the alderman voted unanimously to transfer a cable television franchise agreement from Time Warner Entertainment to TCI Communications Inc.

Mayor Bennett said that the agreement was not exclusive and other cable companies could come in.

The Community Resource Department will host a Governmental Services Expo on Saturday, January 23. There

will be the following agencies attending: Attorney General's Office, Cook County Assessors Office, Cook County Board of Appeals, Cook County Department of Public Health, Department of Veteran's Affairs, Social Security Administration, State Representative Anne Zickus, State Senator Christine Radogno, College of Agricultural/South Cook Center, Cook County Sheriff's Office, City of Palos Hills.

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for more details. "It's a good way to see what the government can do for you," commented Alderman Frank Williams.

Alderman Marty Kleefisch passed a resolution stating Palos Hills opposition to a stadium being built by Bridgeview on 103rd Street. The Alderman all voted in favor of the resolution except for Andy Galatte (5th Ward) who said, "I cannot vote for this. We are shutting the door on them before they even present their idea."



First grade students create their own city

Stephen Caudle, Vasilika Mikosz and Sandra Attallah, all first graders in Karen Hejna and Arlene Jeno's first grade reading group at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, read about the city and discussed the sights there. Then the students created their own buildings and city.

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Oak Lawn Trustees support resolution to keep molester behind bars

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution suggested by Trustee Steven Rosenbaum to protest the early release of convicted felon Maurice Childs.

The resolution was created in support of the victim of a heinous crime, Mary Leen, who must circulate petitions on a yearly basis to prevent the early release of Childs.

Joseph Jones was formally sworn in as an Oak Lawn Police Dept. patrol officer.

Fire Department Engineers Michael Jensen and Lorraine Hurt were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Fire Fighters Brian Tiernan and Phillip Bruzan were promoted to Fire engineers.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announced a community meeting will be held February 2nd at 8 p.m. at the Salem Church, 9717 S. Kostner. Representatives from the Oak Lawn Park District will discuss upcoming programs and events.

Trustee Ronald Stancik suggested review of Oak Lawn Park District plans to refurbish the building that formerly housed an ice arena. Stancik cited plans to demolish the structure were discussed and agreed upon in 1994.

Trustee Wm. Keane expressed his disapproval of Oak Lawn Park District plans to eliminate gymnasium facilities at the Oakview Center. The Park

Board of Trustees recently voted to utilize the latter space for theatrical productions.

Keane suggested the Park District may have been in violation of certain provisions of *Open Meetings* statutes which require timely publication of meetings in local publications.

Keane urged concerned residents to attend the next Park District meeting and express their opinions.

Trustee Jerry Hurekes announced a community meeting will be held February 16 at 9 a.m. at the David Johnson Center, 9400 S. Oak Park Ave.

The Board unanimously approved the following recommendations from the Traffic Review committee:

"No Parking Anytime" signs will be posted on both sides of Kilbourn Avenue 125 feet north of the north line of 95th St. to the south line of 93rd St; also both sides of 93rd St. between the east line of Kilbourn Ave. to the west line of Kostner Ave;

"Residential Parking Only" signs will be posted on both sides of Newland Ave. between the south line of 87th St and a point being 300 ft. south, and

"Residential Permit Parking Only" signs will be posted on the north side of 97th St between the west line of Karlov Ave. and the east line of Kedvale Ave. between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

The Board unanimously approved a request for \$8000 from the Park

District to help defray the cost of the annual 4th of July fireworks display.

A three year lease for 5312 W. 95th St was approved in the amount of \$6,129. per year the first year and increasing to \$6780. per year the third year of the contract.

Trustees Ron Stancik and Robt. Streit moved to cancel and not re-schedule the regular Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday April 13 because of "Election Day." The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Ownership/possession conflicts clouded a request by Richard Ostegren for a liquor license for the *Inn Zone 10*, 9906 Southwest Hwy. The board postponed license approval pending departure of the current occupant of the property.

The Village Clerk announced the following candidates in the April 13 election:

Village Board of Trustees
District 1 Jerry Hurekes
District 3 Robt. Streit
District 3 J.Q. Mucker
District 5 Marjorie Joy
Library Board of Trustees
Joann Buschbach
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Burgin named Sr. Vice President at Marquette National Bank

Marquette National Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Thomas R. Burgin to Senior Vice President. Tom serve as the Chief Credit Officer of the Bank. His responsibilities include oversight of the bank's loan and lease underwriting process and administration of the bank's loan policy.

Burgin brings over twenty years experience to this position. Most recently, Tom was president of First Colonial Bank of Rosemont. He holds a BA in Economics from the University of Dayton and an MBA in Finance from Case Western Reserve University. Tom is a past director of 1st Colonial Bank in Rosemont. Burgin also served as president of the Rosemont Chamber of Commerce.

Burbank Chamber celebrates 28th installation

The Burbank Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 28th Annual Installation of officers on Friday, January 29th at Annie Tiques Banquets. Mayor Harry Klein was graciously accepted to do the swearing in for the Chamber. The 1999 Executive Board is: President Roy Zoppa, Annie Tiques; 1st VP Monica Ward, First Chicago Bank; 2nd VP Michael Yuen, LaSalle Bank FSB; Treasurer Dr. Michael Kowalik and Secretary Donna Guleher, Kowalik & Nikolovski, DDS.



Principal Larry Tucker and John Dougherty

Marist student receives West Point appointment

When Marist High School senior, John Dougherty of Palos Heights, received the appointment letter to West Point, the United States Military Academy, he was thrilled. The appointment is the culmination of a longtime ambition. Since the eighth grade, John has been considering applying. "I want to do something special with my life," John stated. The application process began in the spring of 1998 with a required nomination by Congressman Lipinski. John was excited by his selection as the congressman's nomination and waited patiently to hear from the academy. Each applicant must be in the top one-fifth of his graduating class and receive a faculty recommendation. John is an "A" student on First Honors and is involved in Advanced Placement classes at Marist. He is a well-rounded student who is involved in Student Council, the National Honor Society, a member of the wrestling and cross-country teams and attended the military academy's summer camp.

U.S. President James Buchanon, who served from 1857 to 1861, was the only President who never married.

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Joe Madonia runs for mayor

Before an enthusiastic crowd of over 125 friends and supporters assembled at The Landmark Restaurant, Bridgeview's Economic Development Director Joe Madonia announced he would stand as a candidate to replace retiring Mayor John Oremus. "I never thought about running until the mayor (Bridgeview Mayor John Oremus) mentioned my name in his retirement announcement. For three days, my phone rang off the hook with calls from people pledging their support and urging me to run for the good of the village," Madonia said.

Madonia who put the Bridgeview Future Party ticket together in only a week's time stated, "I said

I'd only do it if four good people volunteered to run with me. Instead of four good people, I got four great people to run with me." Madonia's running mates on the Bridgeview Future Party ticket, all political newcomers, are Lori Ann Henderson for clerk and Bill Cronch, Tony Metoyer and Bill Dapkus for trustees.

When asked if retiring Mayor John Oremus's endorsement of the Bridgeview Future Party would translate into votes, Madonia said, "Automatic votes, no; but it gives our ticket instant credibility and over the next 12 weeks we will earn the faith, trust, and the votes of the people of Bridgeview."



Joe Madonia

Sheriff offers program to prevent teen dating violence

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan announced that the Sheriff's Office is offering a new preventive program which addresses teen dating violence, especially as it relates to verbal and emotional abuse.

The program, "Loves Me... Moves Me Not," will attempt to reduce instances of domestic violence cases by raising awareness among high school students to the signs and symptoms of relationship abuse. Specially trained instructors from the Sheriff's Youth Services Department will conduct the seminar at high schools and junior high schools throughout Cook County.

"This program will help confront abuse at an early age and help teens prevent potential violence in future relationships," Sheriff Sheahan said. "Since research has shown that many abusive relationships begin in high school, we need a program to deal with abuse before it happens."

Studies have shown that one in four teens are involved in a violent relationship and that 60% of battering relationships begin in high school.

According to Sheahan, the "Loves Me... Moves Me Not" program will help students avoid becoming the victims of dating abuse and recognize the characteristics of abuse in other family

members and friends.

To schedule a presentation, or for further information about the program, contact the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Services Department at (708) 865-2900.

Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

At the regular monthly meeting of the Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees, January 19, Dr. James B. Casey, director, outlined preparations that were underway for the installation of INNOPAC, a new software application for the library's entire computer automated system. The changeover is scheduled to take place within the next month and all 76 other member libraries of the Suburban Library System will be participating.

The introduction of INNOPAC from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. will affect every aspect of library service, including the computer catalog system, patron records and transactions. Patrons will notice a new, more user-friendly computer catalog system with reformatted screen layouts that perform like an Internet browser.

As library patrons adjust

New residents of Evergreen Park will have an opportunity to get acquainted with the village and its many services at Evergreen Insight, on Sunday, February 7, at the Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

New residents get acquainted to village

Participants will meet village officials, learn of village services, community resources, sports opportunities and religious services in the "Village of Churches." Door prizes will be awarded to lucky new residents who attend.

Evergreen Insight is sponsored by Community Conversations, in cooperation with the Village of Evergreen Park. Call 708/422-8451 for more information.

to the new computer catalog system, library staff will also be learning how to use the new software for patron service transactions and searching library holdings. This may often require staff to take a few moments to examine the reformatted information on their computer screen in order to execute each task properly. If patrons experience brief delays in service, the library would greatly appreciate the patience and understanding during the learning process.

In other news, the library board reviewed the final statistics for 1998. At year's end, the book collection held 253,993 items, a rise in nearly five percent since 1997. The number of Oak Lawn residents holding library cards climbed to 48,641, an increase in almost eight percent since last year. A total of 650,852 items were circulated; 155,065 reference and instructional

tions were answered; and 59,252 incoming telephone calls were recorded by reception staff.

In regular business, the Library Board of Trustees approved payment of \$54,251.77 for library materials and \$24,502.46 for general operating expenses. After annual review, the Board unanimously approved the Orientation for New Board Members policy and the Calendar of Policy Review.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public at 5300 W. 95th St. in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level. Board members include: Shirley Barrett, president; Joann Buschbach, vice president; Lee Stein, secretary; Marian Sullivan, treasurer; Lois Gasteyer, Robert Honkiaz and Patricia Roberts, trustees.

Brosnahan focuses on issues to help the entire community

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) of the 36th Legislative District was inaugurated to a second term of office on Wednesday, January 13 at the Capital Building in Springfield.

In Brosnahan's first two years as state representative, he managed to secure \$3 million state dollars for local projects in his district, led the fight in Springfield for permanent property tax relief and sponsored the "Truth in Sentencing Act" which is aimed at putting an end to the early release of violent criminals. Prior to seeking office in 1996, Brosnahan served as an Assistant State's Attorney assigned to the Gang's Crime Unit of the Cook County's State's Attorney's Office.

"As a former prosecutor I know "Truth in Sentencing" is an important tool in the fight against crime. "I know firsthand if a criminal has a prison sentence of 60 years, they must serve each and every day of that 60 years."

Brosnahan will also be focusing on issues such as

tougher crime laws, equitable school funding, a six-point plan for the overhaul of safety rules for nursing homes, and permanent property tax relief for the southwest suburbs.

"Over the next two years as representative, I will continue fighting in Springfield for the working families in my district," Brosnahan explained.

"It's a great honor to again represent the 36th district, I will work to serve our community honestly, openly and with highest standards."

Representative Brosnahan has made being open, a priority to his constituents. He has a full time constituent office located at 5309 W. 95th Street accessible to his constituents and will be once again hosting town hall meetings throughout the district.

"The only way a public official can serve and represent their constituents fairly, is by taking a "hands on approach," and making it a priority to meet and talk with every constituent in my district."

Elks Lodge announce winners

Don Nowak, chairman congratulates winner of Elks Lodge #2254 Annual Hoop Shoot Contest for area students 8 - 13 years old. Contestants competed further in Plainfield, Illinois on January 16, 1999.



Boys Hoop Shoot winners: Anthony Vasile, Kolmar School; Brad Kehoe, Covington School; Brendan Styler, Kolmar School

Don Nowak, chairman congratulates Girls Hoop Shoot winners: Ali Hughes, Kolmar School; Pauline McGinnis, Covington School; Kelly Haynes, Hannum School.

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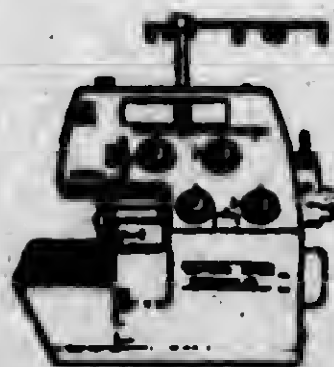
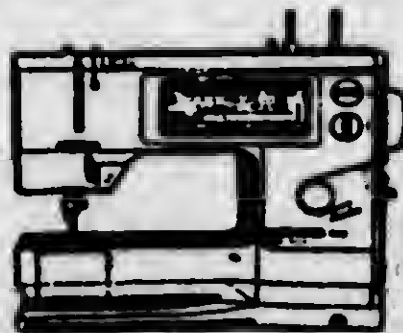
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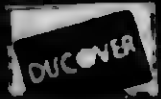
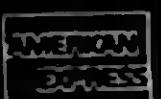
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th or 28th of any sign, and Leo: You are not alone in your wonder, you see, things are happening in your career life this month that are necessary. C and K as well as someone L help, and people born in the sign of Leo are your best allies.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th or 29th of any sign and Cancer: There is no escape from having to deal with family problems this month. Cancer born should especially take heed. C, D and someone G involved and, discussions about money may turn sour. Listen!

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st or 30th of any sign, and Sagittarius: Money matters to deal with this month and matters of a job promotion or career change. You are not a victim, you are a winner, know this when dealing with D or M in something that needs decision now!

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd or 31st of any sign, and Capricorn: Problems come and they go, and it seems that Capricorn people will have to deal with getting people to do their share of the work that needs doing. You have a lot of stamina, and this is good. N and P aid.

Born on the 5th 14th or 23rd of any sign, and Gemini/Virgo: You can't have things both ways, your way and someone else's way. Come to agreement as to what needs to be done and said and then say or do them. Gemini and Virgo people involved and someone H and J.

Born on the 6th 15th or 24th of any sign, and Taurus/Libra: A woman says "No" about a money matter that you both can become a part of. Don't try to change her mind. Taurus and Libra people involved and there is sure to be some heavy decisions made for others soon!

Born on the 7th 16th or 25th of any sign, and Aquarius: You can do anything you set your mind to, but you appear to be listening to everyone but yourself! Aquarius people can help you, but, for the most part the advice this month is that you take the reins and go!

Born on the 8th 17th or 26th of any sign, and Aries/Scorpio: Something very special is happening in your life, like Miracles in health helps, money helps, and love is much better too. Aries and Scorpio are ready and able to assist you in most anything you ask for.

Born on the 9th 18th or 27th of any sign, and Pisces: What is happening is for the betterment of all involved with you. Know this and welcome people born in Pisces into this month's scenario, you can't go wrong! Health and Money improve. New Love too.

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Jack Daley runs for reelection

Jack Daley, Board Chair of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees recently filed for nominating petitions for reelection.

Jack Daley was first elected to the Board in November, 1993. He has served as Secretary of the Moraine Valley Board, Chair of its Administration Committee, and currently is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In addition, he is Moraine Valley's Board Representative to the Illinois Community College Trustee Association (ICCTA), where he has served on several committees including Vice-Chair of the State Relations Committee. Currently, he is a member of ICCTA's Executive Committee and is Chairman of the South Suburban Region (including South Suburban College, Kanka-

ke Community College, Prairie State College, and Moraine Valley Community College) of the ICCTA.

Mr. Daley is a 1979 graduate of St. Mary's University of Winona, Minn. (formerly St. Mary's College). He resides in Evergreen Park with his wife, Terri, and two children, Elizabeth Grace, 5, and John Martin, 2.

During his 5 1/2 years on the Moraine Valley Board, he has focused his attention on community issues affecting students and business. Two years ago, Moraine Valley started an aggressive campaign to bring baccalaureate degree completion programs to the campus; currently several universities and colleges are participating, offering the third and fourth years of the baccalaureate degree on the campus. Another initiative Daley spearheaded was a success-

ful funding effort for a new classroom structure for the south suburban campus. In December of 1998, former governor Jim Edgar announced that \$4 million dollars in state funding was approved for the project.

When asked what he felt were key factors to Moraine Valley's success and progression during his current term, Daley said, "The students, support staff, faculty, and community. Without their support and active involvement we could not have accomplished what we have. The current board's solidarity and innovative approach to the growth and needs of the students and community also plays a key role. I look forward to serving the Moraine Valley Community College district in the future."



Mayor Daley and junior Rodolfo Reyes

De La Salle student named Future Leader of America

De La Salle junior Rodolfo Reyes was selected to participate in the 1998/1999 Class of Future Leaders Chicago. More than 330 students from throughout the Chicagoland area underwent a vigorous application and interview process for the prestigious award, but only 30 nominees were chosen. Future Leaders Chicago participants were selected based on their commitment to the community, leadership among their peers and their willingness to learn more about the Chicago area and its leaders.

Reyes is an active member of De La Salle's student body. He currently is the deputy mayor of the school's

student government and is a member of both the school's community service group, the Lasallian Youth Group, and the Spanish club. He also works after school in the De La Salle Office for Advancement. He is active in his own community, having volunteered time at his local YMCA and tutoring high school students.

Now in its fourth year, Future Leaders Chicago recognizes high school juniors for their community leadership initiative, enhances students' leadership skills and exposes them to a variety of community challenges and leaders. The 30 students selected will meet once a month from January through

May to discuss various community issues. Some topics for the all-day sessions include: Community Awareness; Health and Human Services; Challenges of the Future. Students will help plan each session, make site visits and meet people active within their own communities.

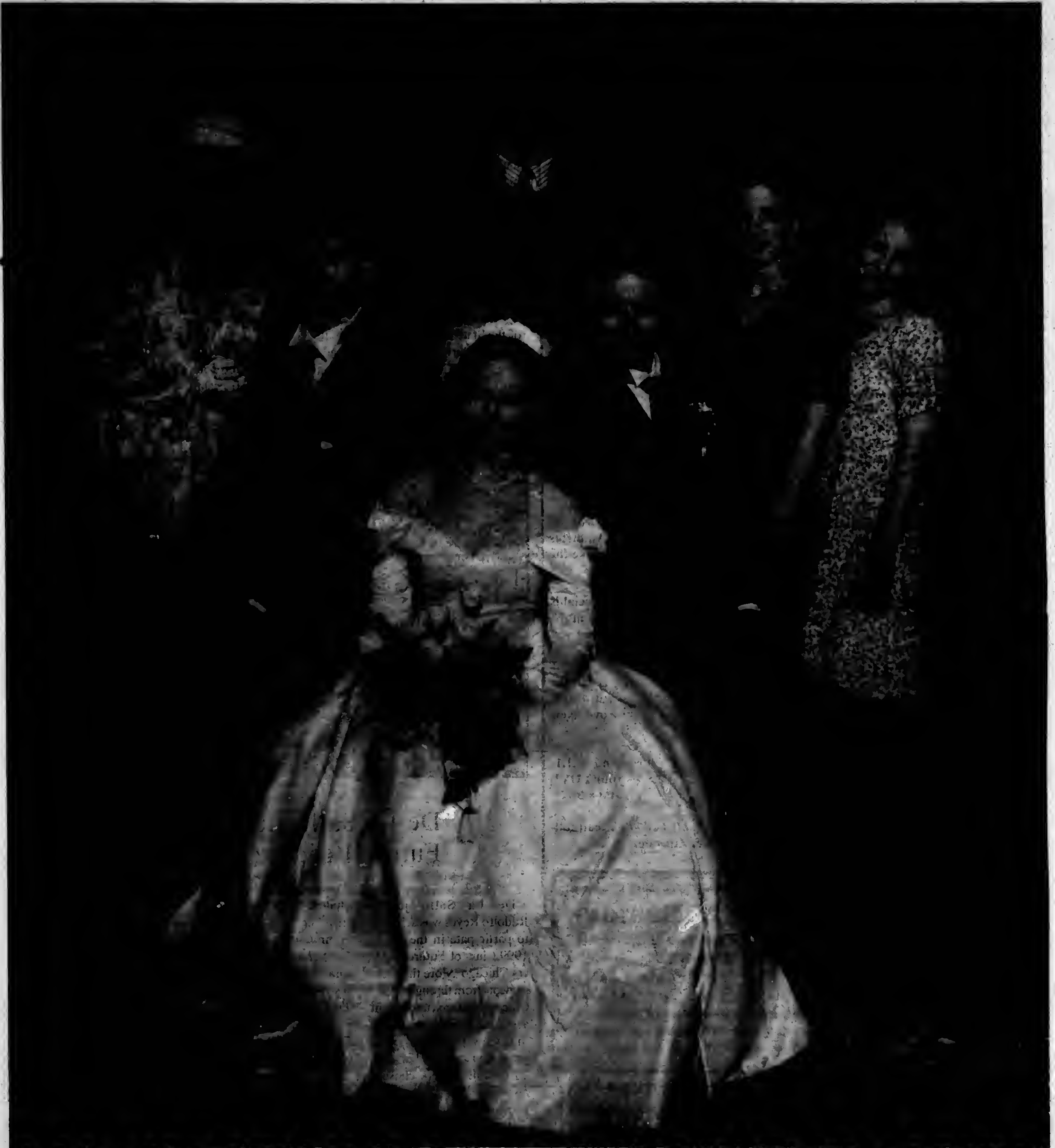
The Chicago Community Trust initiated the Future Leaders Chicago program three years ago. Because Reyes has been recognized as a Future Leader Chicago program participant, the Trust will award a \$500 grant to De La Salle to initiate or sustain school-based leadership and community service programs.

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(NAPS)—Love is in the air as a new state park in Florida provides travelers with a prime hideaway for "a fine romance."

The new Lovers Key State Recreation Area is one of the most environmentally progressive and visually spectacular parks along the Gulf of Mexico. Located in the Lee Island Coast area, the 712-acre park is nestled between Bonita Beach and Fort Myers Beach, just south of Estero Island.

Lovers Key was formed by merging two aging parks—the result of an innovative partnership between the State Division of Recreation and Parks and Lee County government, as well as a \$5 million renovation and improvement plan.

A crown jewel among the state's natural treasures, the park offers plenty of worlds to explore. In addition to sunbathing on 2.5 miles of white sand beaches, swimming in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico and world-class shelling, park visitors can enjoy walking, hiking and biking through acres of natural habitat.

Visitors can rent canoes

and kayaks and explore miles of waterways and several uninhabited islands that are part of the park.

For anglers offshore, bridge-top or back-canal fishing expeditions are likely to yield snook, tarpon, trout or redfish. Bird watchers will delight in the abundance of osprey, bald eagles, heron, ibis, pelicans, egrets, roseate spoonbills and even woodstorks.

In the appropriate seasons, there are also opportunities to take part in special excursions to observe the nesting habits of the endangered loggerhead sea turtle or watch gentle West Indian manatees and playful bottlenosed dolphins.

However, one of the most stunning parts of the new park is a unique, turn-of-the-century beachfront gazebo. Located on the beach, the open-air pavilion can accommodate up to 100 people and is available for weddings, lectures and special events.

What could be more romantic than getting married on Lovers Key?

For more information, or to receive a free Vacationer's Guide to the Lee Island Coast, call 1-800-533-4753, ext. 822.

Wedding Gift Ideas

Preserving Precious Memories

(NAPS)—The perfect wedding gift may be one that can help a couple preserve a lifetime of precious memories.

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With more than 2,000 fires striking American homes each day, safe storage for one's valuable or irreplaceable papers and valuables is a necessity, not a luxury. Knowing that items like their marriage certificate, deed to a new house, wedding photos—as well as insurance policies, tax records, family heirlooms, and more—are protected can mean more peace of mind for many newlyweds.

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Joe Waites

Waites joins Marquette National Bank

Recently S. Joseph Waites joined Marquette's Executive Retail Banking team. Joe will head the retail banking area, consumer lending and small business banking.

Before joining Marquette National Bank, Waites was Vice President at Cast Management Consultants, managing consulting projects for financial institutions in areas of strategic planning, operational efficiency, cash management and revenue enhancement. Joe also worked for Firststar Bank as Senior VP responsible for strategic planning and internal consulting.

Waites holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from California State College at Fullerton. Joe is a member of Bank Administration Institute, the Society of Strategic Planning and Mortgage Bankers Association. Formerly, he was a board member on the San Diego State University in Data Processing Studies. Waites has spoken at the American Bankers Association and at numerous community bank functions.

Gift Ideas

Pens Help Personalize A Special Day

(NAPS)—Technology may be surging forward fast, but in matters of the heart, the pen is still the mightiest communications device, according to a recent survey by Parker Pen.

The survey asked men and women about the classic love letter, and found that well over 94 percent of Americans would prefer to get a handwritten love letter to one sent by e-mail.

This finding is in keeping, say lifestyle experts, with the recent surge in interest in writing accessories such as pens, calligraphy tools, and scented stationery. Many people, in fact, are incorporating these personal touches into a very important day in their lives—their wedding day. Here are some hints to help personalize your special day.

Planning the Day

You can add a personal touch to your bridal shower or wedding gift thank you notes, envelopes and table place cards with calligraphy. The Parker Calligraphy Kit comes with everything you need to learn this beautiful form of handwriting.

Great Gifts

The Parker Insignia Dimonite Z ball pen can make a wonderful gift for bridesmaids. Personalize the pens by engraving attendants' names to provide them with a gift of lasting importance. The



Use a special pen and stationery to create wedding vows you'll treasure for years to come.

Parker Insignia Ciselé can be a great gift for groomsmen.

Finishing Touches

When completing the finishing touches for your wedding, don't forget to have a beautiful fountain pen available for guests to sign the guest registry. Add a personal touch with colored ink. You can even use a special pen to write out your wedding vows. Carry a distinctive pen in your purse or pocket on your wedding day for last-minute signatures needed on catering bills or writing out checks to the photographer and other suppliers.

A Wedding Gift To Remember

Here's one more unique idea: as a prelude to your special wedding night, exchange a love letter with your new spouse as part of your wedding gift to each other. It can be something you'll both cherish throughout your life together.



Newlyweds may appreciate a fire-resistant storage container in which to preserve and organize important documents.

FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—You can read personal Celebrity Skin Care Secrets in a free health and beauty handbook from Vaseline. The handbook, which has helped raise \$50,000 to support Cancer Care, Inc., is available free, while supplies last, via a toll-free hotline 1-888-449-TIPS.

For suggestions on how to bring spring indoors, write Glade Spring Seasons of Fragrance, P.O. Box 6603, Dept. A, Young America, MN 55558-6603.

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Experience Life's Simple Treasures

(NAPS)—With the fast-paced, high-stressed lifestyle of the '90s, it seems there's little time to enjoy life. Ask anyone on the street what they do to treat themselves, and they're likely to answer, "Who has time?" or "Who has the money?" If you find yourself asking these questions, consider the results of a recent survey* on what men and women do to treat themselves. Surprisingly, today's road to self-indulgence is not elaborate—it's simple. The responses given in the survey offer simple and quick treats that are from you to you.

How We Indulge:

- The most popular indulgence for women (41 percent of those surveyed) was taking a long bath, which requires little preparation time or effort.

- Men chose going to a movie as their top enjoyment (31 percent of those surveyed), which takes more time than a bath, but less effort.

- Shopping was also popular among both sexes. Women treated themselves to clothes, books/magazines or an expensive dinner—in that order. Men, though, bought something for a hobby, then a CD/record/tape and finally, an expensive dinner.

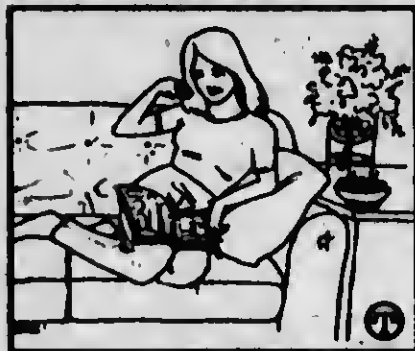
- The average time required to enjoy the daily pleasures offered in the survey was ten minutes to three hours—most had no time frame and could be experienced based on the amount of time available.

*Survey provided by Roper Starch Worldwide Inc.

enced based on the amount of time available.

If you're still not convinced there's time to squeeze in a treasured moment on a regular basis, try these simpler suggestions for a way to treat yourself everyday:

- Carry your favorite music in the car or carry a Walkman on the bus or subway.



Even though you're on the go, you're enjoying songs that inspire you.

- Enjoy a delicious piece of chocolate. Nestlé's new bite-size chocolates, Nestlé Treasures™, are the perfect size and richness for a daily indulgence. Wrapped individually, these chocolates fit in a purse when you're on the run, in a candy dish at home or at the office. The three varieties—Nestlé Classic Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Miniatures, Nestlé Crunch™ and Nestlé Classic Milk Chocolate with Butterfinger™ Pieces—provide tastes and textures to match your mood.

- Start a file of cards, photos and/or comic strips that make you laugh or recall fond memories. By keeping the file at work or home, you can have a quick laugh or a smile

anytime.

- Take a brisk walk at work or sometime during your day. The fresh air of a 10 to 15 minute walk outside will bring you back to the office or home more refreshed and relaxed.

As you can see, doing something special for yourself doesn't have to be time-consuming, costly or elaborate. After all, it's simplicity that makes us more relaxed, whether it's picking up your favorite magazine at the newsstand or savoring an incredible piece of chocolate, like Nestlé Treasures™. Follow these simple tips, and you're ready to pamper yourself on a moment's notice.



Tax Relief And Your New Home

(NAPS)—Owning your home is one of the major tax shelters left. Recent revisions to the tax code may mean more money in your pocket if you have significant appreciation in the value of your home and you intend to sell.



Fairy-tale Wedding

It was a fairy-tale wedding as the bride Dora and the groom Michael Sokolowski stare lovingly into each other's eyes after taking their vows. Today, many couples opt for more romantic pictures than in the past as taken by A.J. Photography. Their Special Day was June 28, 1998 at Montefiori, Lemont, Illinois

This is particularly good news for those homeowners who live in regions that have experienced high real estate appreciation, or for those who've owned their primary residence for a considerable period of time and have seen the value of their home increase.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 eliminated the capital gains tax on certain sales of principal residences.

Individuals are now permitted to exclude from taxable income up to \$250,000 of gain (\$500,000, in general, for a married couple) realized on the sale of a principal residence, as long as the home has been owned and used as a primary residence for two of the previous five years and the exclusion has not been claimed in the prior two years.

The new law repeals the

"rollover" rules that had allowed taxpayers to defer the gain on the sale or exchange of a principal residence to the extent that the proceeds of the sale were reinvested in a replacement residence within two years. It also repeals the once-in-a-lifetime \$125,000 exclusion on the sale of a principal residence for taxpayers 55 and over.

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'Scrapbooking' Is A Growing Trend

(NAPS)—For the millions of Americans who have promised themselves that someday they would organize photos and preserve mementos, Hallmark offers an easy way to create great memory books, using kits with themed photo frames, borders, and colorful stickers.

Scrapbooking is a popular trend that combines photos, memorabilia and handwritten notes in a scrapbook or photo album, using brightly colored, photo-safe products to showcase your memories.

"You don't have to be a designer to be a scrapbooker," says Cathryn Wooton, scrapbook product designer for Hallmark Cards. "With Hallmark scrapbooking products, you get high-quality designs and coordinated elements that make scrapbooking easy and bring out your creativity."

So how do you get started? Wooton offers ten tips to scrapbooking success:

1. Get organized.

Sort your photos and memorabilia into labeled, acid-free envelopes or folders. Organize them by person, event, school year or special interest—whatever works for you!

2. Choose the perfect album.

Hallmark offers more than 100. Go with one style for a uniform library, or unique albums to match your themes. Make sure they're acid-free, lignin-free and PVC-free—as all Hallmark scrapbooking products are.

3. Round up your tools.

Acid-free photo tape or other adhesive; scissors; and photo-safe marking pens are essential. Select a Hallmark Scrapbooking Kit, and you're ready to begin! Go even further with templates or paper punches.

4. Choose your first "story."

Good pages typically feature three to six photos. Choose a few that "tell a story," or represent a theme.

5. Put it together in your mind...

Need ideas? Hallmark Scrapbooking Kits include creative page layouts—check your local Hallmark store—and scrapbooking magazines and Web sites showcase fun ideas.

6. ...then on your page.



For simple and easy page layouts for you to create at home, look for this scrapbooking guide at a Hallmark store near you.

Bring your page to life through predesigned backgrounds or borders. Add mementos such as ticket stubs, greeting cards and brochures to add interest. Leave room to write notes!

7. Crop your photos.

Most photos look better trimmed into interesting shapes and bordered with solid-colored papers or frames. (Keep original negatives or duplicates in a safe place, in case you want the whole photo again.)

8. Start writing.

Hallmark Scrapbooking Kits include sheets of large journaling stickers to add titles, names, dates, places and other details you want to remember. Die-cut shapes also are great for captioning photos and adding color.

9. Add final touches.

Some decorative paper frames include a poem or quote that can be punched out and added to your page. Use small stickers to add detail to snapshots, create borders or tack down photos. (Remember, once applied, stickers are permanent.)

10. Keep going!

Have fun commemorating, celebrating, preserving and sharing your memories. You'll be surprised at how

creative you are!

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Great Legs To Go!

Beauty Tips For Travelers

(NAPS)—Whether you're hitting the road for business or pleasure, ensure great looking legs by following a few easy beauty tips:

Beauty and the Beach

If your flight's final approach leads to a sunny island resort, be prepared to show some skin. Since legs will be on view, be sure to remove unsightly stubble with a quick shave during your daily bath or shower. Pick up travel-size shave gel and moisturizer to prevent suitcase overload. If you don't have access to a gym for your daily exercise routine, take a morning run down the beach. The sand offers resistance that will increase the intensity of your workout and keep your calf muscles toned. Of course, whether running or swimming, remember sun protection!

Smooth Business Style

A polished, professional appearance is a real plus at an out-of-town business meeting. Be sure to unpack your garment bag as soon as you arrive at your hotel to keep clothes looking fresh and clean. But set your travel alarm 15 minutes early to allow time to iron out any wrinkles that remain. Pack an extra pair of stockings for last minute runs and remember that stockings glide on more easily if skin is clean shaven. Include Gillette Agi-



lity disposable razor in your cosmetic bag to ensure a close, smooth shave and remember to lock in moisture with Satin Care Skin Replenishing Creme.

Wedding Day Wisdom

Whether you're a member of the bridal party or an invited guest, weddings mean long hours spent on your feet taking pictures, chatting with old friends and dancing the night away. Pamper yourself with a long, hot bath to soothe the muscles in your legs the night before the big event. To keep your feet from giving out before the evening ends, consider stylish flats instead of three-inch heels. You'll find many low-heeled shoe styles in stores this fall that will keep you feeling comfortable and looking fashionable as you meet and greet.

So don't fall short of your beauty goals when you're away from home. With just a little advance planning you can continue to look and feel terrific.

HAPPINESS HINTS

Successful Ideas From Leading Thinkers

Understanding Marriage And Commitment

(NAPS)—Love. Commitment. Marriage. A new, heart-warming novel walks readers through the happiness and difficulties of being a couple.

The book, *Anniversary A Love Story* (\$10.95 Health Communications, Inc.), examines relationships through the eyes of a man named Richard.

As Richard boards a plane the morning after his mother's funeral, his father hands him a thick envelope and instructs his son not to open it until he is airborne.

As the plane leaves the ground, Richard tears open the envelope and discovers a stack of letters written by his parents. Age has discolored some pages and others look almost new, but all were written on his parents' anniversaries.

In a cover note from his father, Richard reads: "What you will find here is a collection of personal letters between your mother and me. There is nothing I value more now that she's gone. Contrary to what you may think Richard, you haven't failed in your relationships. You simply need help understanding the bigger picture. You're reading these letters because that's what I believe will help you."

A cross-generational self-help novel may help open readers' eyes to the true value of commitment and reveal how couples can make marriage last.

What Richard—and readers—will discover about his parents' marriage forms the basis of an entertaining and inspiring guide to marriage. The author uses the novel form to present what his years as a marriage and divorce psychologist have shown him works for couples. He explores these ideas through Richard's failing marriage and the lifelong union his parents shared.

This generation-spanning story is meant to capture readers' hearts and help teach them lessons to help keep their own marriages full of happiness and love.

The book can be found in the relationship/self-help section of most major bookstores.



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Beauty Tips

(NAPS)—Health and beauty go hand in hand, many experts will tell you. Taking the time out of a busy schedule for a small "beauty break" can improve overall health and well-being as well as boost self-confidence—making you look and feel more beautiful all over.

Partnering with The Pond's Institute® to help women understand and meet their beauty needs in addition to combating mounting levels of stress, Dr. Joan Borysenko, Ph.D., co-founder and former director of the Mind/Body Clinic, Beth Israel/Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, recommends the following "Oasis of Renewal" tips to allow one's inner beauty, health and confidence to shine through.

- Take deep breaths and allow your thoughts to run free, exhaling your cares and concerns.

- Aromatherapy capsules applied to pulse points (behind your ears, inside your wrists, elbows and back of the knees) may help enhance your relaxed mood.

- Squeeze a generous amount of lotion or cream onto the fingertips of your right hand. Reach around in front of you to your left shoulder and smooth the lotion gently onto the back of your neck in a circular motion, moving down the arm, onto your hands and fingers using long, slow strokes (for about a minute).

- With a small amount of



Short on time? Even a moment spent relaxing at your desk can relieve stress and improve your mood.

hand cream, massage the palm of your hand using your thumb to stroke out toward each finger, and then massage each finger starting at

the base and ending at the fingertip. Imagine that you are squeezing your stress out through your fingertips. Repeat on other hand.

- Using a larger amount of body lotion, apply to thighs with both hands with long, broad strokes. Knead the muscles of your thighs and legs with quicker strokes, moving from the top of your leg downwards. Continue for 1-2 minutes. Repeat on other side.

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Bridal Advice...

Romancing The Rose
(NAPS)—Bridal fashions may change, but one thing that never goes out of style is the emphasis on romance. And what is more closely associated with romance than the rose?

With their myriad colors, lavish blossoms and delicate fragrance, roses have been a favorite choice of royalty—and brides—for centuries.



For romance at its best brides choose the elegant Dutchess rose.

According to the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), the many varieties of roses in exquisite colors, ranging from creamy pinks to jewel-tone reds and mauves, have made this extraordinary blossom the number one choice by today's bride.

Whether your wedding is traditional, romantic garden, or sophisticated city chic, a smart place to start planning

the ceremony for that special day is with your professional florist.

"A wedding is probably the single most important event in a woman's life," said AIFD President Susan Overton. "Unlike any other occasion, it's the one time when all the attention is focused on the bride. And of course, the flowers she selects play an important part in setting the stage for a perfect day."

"Whatever the bride's wedding day wishes may be, the professional florist is in the business of helping to make them come true," Overton added.

A Spa For All Seasons

(NAPS)—Any time of the year, a personal hot tub spa is a way to slip into comfort. The soothing bubbles surround the body like rays of sunshine in the summer or the radiating warmth of an open fire in the winter. Quickly, the anxieties of the day are forgotten, and the decision to invest in a hot tub spa as a way to relax and unwind all year long is reaffirmed.

Imagine stepping off the stair climber, the ski slopes... or from the office, into your own hot tub spa. Soaking the tension away can help rejuvenate even the chronic workaholic. The therapeutic qualities of a hot tub spa are an investment in you.

Sound like a dream? The reality is that today's hot tub spas are even more versatile, durable and affordable than ever. Lucite® cast acrylic sheet, the material most often used for hot tub spa surfaces, can be formed into a variety of shapes and sizes to meet every need. The high-gloss surface of Lucite® cast acrylic sheet also makes the hot tub spa easy to maintain and able to withstand a wide range of temperatures.

Many people assume that a hot tub spa cannot be used during the winter months. No matter what time of year or in what part of the country, soaking in a hot tub spa is an excellent escape from the rigors of daily life and a wonderful way to experience the beauty of the changing seasons. Simple maintenance,



Winter, spring, summer or fall, a hot tub spa is always a wonderful way to relax.

such as checking for leaks and adjusting the water temperature and level, will ensure that a hot tub spa survives even the toughest of winters. And, a quality cover not only keeps the environment safe, but it also helps minimize water evaporation and extra heating costs in the colder months.

When summer months roll around, a hot tub spa can be enjoyed like a mini-pool. Simply setting the temperature closer to actual body temperature creates a refreshing experience even when heat and humidity are at their peaks. The lower temperature also allows a person to spend more time soaking.

Free Video

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He still possesses the same easygoing smile and carefree laugh that endeared him to us so many years ago. Bill and Virgil's friendship began while working at the same company, until a layoff found them parting ways. Bill went to work for the school systems. Virgil moved his family to Georgia and as often happens, old friends lost touch and life went on. Then, a recent knock at the door brought a dear friend back into our lives. We once again sat across the table, sharing coffee and catching up on all that was new. Virgil and a new wife, a woman he describes as the love of his life, now call Alsip their home. Life certainly seemed to be agreeing with him. With his shorter hairstyle and slight weight gain, he looked the picture of health. But we were about to find out that looks can be deceiving. With a shrug of his shoulders Virgil informed us that he had been diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. Then he changed the subject by asking if we'd like to go out to dinner with him and Gloria. We agreed, but I have to admit I was a little apprehensive about how I'd handle it when the subject of cancer came up. But I had nothing to fear. This courageous couple not only put me at ease, they also offered a positive outlook on an otherwise dark subject. Just as I was wondering how anyone copes with such catastrophe Gloria seemed to read my mind. She told me there were two questions they would not ask the doctors. They won't ask if this cancer is terminal, and they don't want to know how long Virgil may have to live. What's important to them is the gift of each new day that they are able to wake up in each other's arms. There is no hint of self pity in his demeanor, only quiet determination to beat this illness. Once, when a doctor asked Virgil how he was dealing with thoughts of his mortality, he replied, "How are you dealing with yours?" I guess that statement helped to put everything in perspective for me. After dinner we stopped to see their new home. I couldn't help but notice that Gloria and I share the same hobby, we both collect angels. Though these heavenly symbols fill this faithful couple's home with a feeling of serenity, perhaps it is the angel that stands by his side day by day that truly gives her husband all the incentive he'll need to continue to live life to the fullest. I'm so grateful that our paths have crossed once again. He is a shining example that, although we can't do much about the adversity in our lives we do have a choice in how we handle it. Virgil has a great philosophy. He is choosing to see the bright side, and judging from his progress, I'm sure that's where he'll stay. As our friend prepares to undergo a stem cell transplant at the University of Chicago, our prayers are with him as our hopeful hearts wish him the very best.

Hurkes announces winners of decorating contest

First District Trustee, Jerry Hurkes, announced the following winners of the neighborhood decorating contest: Alfonso and Concetta Capro, the Chorzepa Family, Joseph and Sandra Gitten, the Gunka Family, Patricia and Ronald McAdams, Lynn and Robin Neumann, Esther and Raymond Pipala, Joseph and Louise Vahl, and Frank Riggio.

Success in retirement

Learn how to attain "Success in Retirement" at a financial planning seminar set for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 10 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Jerry Schmitt of Wilmarc Financial Group will explain ways that you can reduce taxes, protect your assets and earn double the return of CDs and Fixed Annuities without risk. This informational program will also address Living Conservatorship, Medicaid vs. Medicare, wills and trusts. The same material will be repeated at each session.

A full schedule of winter programs for adults is available at the Oak Lawn Public Library Community Information Centers, first floor. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

New Circuit Breaker guidelines

The Circuit Breaker Program provides annual tax relief in the form of a grant based on the amount of property tax or rent paid. The income limit will rise to \$16,000 in 1999. Qualified applicants may purchase a pharmaceutical card that helps cover the cost of prescriptions. Applicants must file each year, however once you have filed, the form will be mailed directly to your home.

Forms are available at the Office of Citizens' Services, Room 107, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park.

Military News

Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Scudella, a 1996 graduate of Stagg High School of Palos Hills, recently arrived on station in the Arabian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1996.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert Fitzgerald, son of Maryellen VanCott of Bridgeview and Robert Fitzgerald of Burbank, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

The 1995 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School joined the Navy in September 1995.

Marine Pvt. Nicholas W. Pruzuch, a 1996 graduate of Brother Rice High School, recently reported for duty with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty Nine Palms, California.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd

Class Michael P. Murray, son of Debbie E. Gasda of Chicago, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

The 1993 graduate of Argo Community High School of Summit, joined the Navy in October 1996.

Navy Seaman Recruit Arkadiusz J. Olszewski, son of Janusz Olszewski of Chicago, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

He is a 1998 graduate of Kennedy High School.

Navy Seaman recruit Michael R. Gazda, son of Michael R. Gazda and Diane L. Brown of Chicago, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

He is a 1998 graduate of De La Salle Institute.

Navy Seaman Recruit Scott A. Haase, son of Ron W. and Cindy J. Haase of Evergreen Park, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training

Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

He is a 1998 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Army Pvt. Jason W. Mershon, son of Kristina L. Mershon of Burbank and William G. Mershon of Poplar Bluff, Mo., has graduated from the heavy-wheeled vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is a 1998 graduate of Poplar Bluff High School.

Michael K. Jones, son of Ralph L. Jones and Janet A. McCormick of Burbank, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn.

Air Force Senior Airman Christina A. Royer, daughter-in-law of Dennis Royer of Oak Lawn and Wendy Marcordes of Orland Park, has graduated from the Air Force Airman Leadership School at Minot Air Force Base, N.D. and received the John R. Levitt Award.

The airman is a 1993 graduate of Edinburg North High School.

more about their communities and involve them at an early age in preserving their downtowns."

Projects eligible for the History Fair Awards include downtown-related project on the history of preservation, heritage and culture, or economic development and revitalization. Project categories include exhibits, models, media and performances.

For more information about the Lieutenant Governor's History Awards call Becky Bradley, Illinois main Street, 217-524-6868.

Lt. Gov. Wood sponsors Downtown History Awards

Students throughout Illinois will have an opportunity to win the Lieutenant Governor's History Award for downtown-related projects at the History Fair Exposition, May 1 in Springfield. Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood, who heads up the Illinois Main Street program, will sponsor two downtown history awards. The Illinois

Historic Preservation Agency is sponsoring the History Fair Expo.

"We will present \$100 and a plaque to a junior high and high school student for outstanding projects centering on the downtown," said Wood.

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Anne Kelly

Founder Bank announces the appointment of Anne M. Kelly to the position of Vice President/Trust Officer. As the lead attorney for the bank's Trust Department, she assumes a varied range of responsibilities for the administration of personal trusts.

Anne comes to Founders Bank from Evergreen Bank where she had been involved in probate administration for

the past two years. From 1991 through 1996 she worked at home caring for her three children while providing real estate legal and estate planning services on a part-time basis. Her resume includes four years heading up the Trust Department for Marquette Bank in Chicago, and five years in private practice for the Chicago legal firm of McCarthy, Duffy, Neidhart and Snakard.

Anne says she is extremely enthusiastic about being a part of the management team at Founders Bank. "It's refreshing to be working for an organization that is truly dedicated to maintaining its roots in community banking, where the focus is always on providing customers with the highest levels of personal service."



Crystal Heart Ball Chairpersons Stephen and Nan Hallenback

Crystal Heart Ball features grand raffle

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is hosting its ninth annual Crystal Heart Ball on Saturday, February 13, at Chicago's Field Museum. The Ball is a significant fund-raising event for Little Company. This year, all proceeds from ticket sales and the Grand Raffle will support the hospital's Regional Cancer Center.

Each year the Ball features a Grand Raffle with prizes donated by community businesses and friends of the hospital. Grand Raffle prizes this year include: a seven-day London trip for two-courtesy of the Little Company of Mary Medical Staff; two business class airline tickets to any American Airlines worldwide destination - provided by American Airlines, the official carrier of the Crystal Heart Ball; a seven-day Bahamas spa getaway - courtesy of Finer Foods, Inc.; a beautiful diamond necklace; a Lake

Geneva weekend for two - provided by Ms. Mary Ann Fitzgerald; a fur coat sponsored in part by Angelo Leather & Fur, Inc., and a four-day trip for three to Walt Disney World - provided in part by Walt Disney World Company. Grand Raffle tickets cost \$50 each or three for \$100. Winners need not be present.

In addition to the raffle, guests at this black tie event will enjoy cocktails, dinner and dancing to the music of Dick Judson Orchestra and the presentation of the Mary Potter Humanitarian Award. Richard H. Driehaus of the Driehaus Foundation will receive the award this year for his outstanding commitment to charitable causes.

Crystal Heart Ball tickets are offered at \$225 per person: \$100 of the ticket price is tax deductible. For further information, contact Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation at 708-229-5066.

Bridgeview Park District News

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Juniors Jam - Area 5th and 6th graders are invited to participate in Jammin' Juniors Night on Friday, February 19 from 7 - 9 p.m.

The admission fee is \$3 per student and includes an evening of volleyball, basketball, and a pizza snack.

The event will be chaperoned by Park District staff and volunteers. Proof of grade must be shown for admittance into this event.

Open Skate - The Bridgeview Park District Ice Arena, 9645 S. 76th Avenue, will be having a variety of open skate sessions on Friday, February 12.

From 9 - 11 a.m. there will be youth rat hockey for children 5 - 15 years old.

Open ice-skating will take place for all ages from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Adult rat hockey for all persons 16 years old and up will be from 2 - 4 p.m. on the same day.

The cost is \$3 per person for each skating session. There are no skate rentals available.

Proper hockey equipment, including helmet, must be worn for rat hockey sessions. An adult must accompany children under nine years old.

For more information regarding Bridgeview Park District's open skate sessions, call (708) 598-3738.

School Holiday Programs - Registration is being accepted for two youth programs taking place during school holidays.

On Fri., Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday, children 6-10 years old are invited to First Aid for Little People from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration in person by February 5 and proof of residency is required for participation in this American Red Cross program in which children are taught what to do and how to react in an emergency. The fee, which includes all program materials and a light snack, is \$5/district and \$8 for non-district.

On Mon., March 1 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., children five through 11 years old will spend the afternoon in the company of friends creating at least two animals made from beads during "Beadie Babies." The program fee for this special activity offered on Casmir Pulaski Day is \$7/district and \$10/non-district and includes a snack. Preregistration in person by Feb. 22 is required.

Sheahan sponsors Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan invites all senior citizens interested in law enforcement and crime awareness issues to enroll in his department's Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy to be held at the Thornton Township Senior Center, 1420 Huntington Drive in Calumet City, beginning February 18, 1999.

The Sheriff's Office designed the program to open the lines of communication between senior citizens and law enforcement officials. Participants will gain a better understanding of responsibilities and duties of law enforcement officials as well as receive advice on personal safety and crime prevention.

The Academy at the Thornton Township Senior Center will meet Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., through Thursday, April 1, when all participants will be honored at a graduation ceremony. The Sheriff's Office offers the program free of charge to all seniors living in Cook County.

Sheriff Sheahan will bring the Academy to any senior citizen club, organization or center throughout the county. For more information, or to register for the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy in Calumet City, please call the Sheriff's Office at 773-869-7725.

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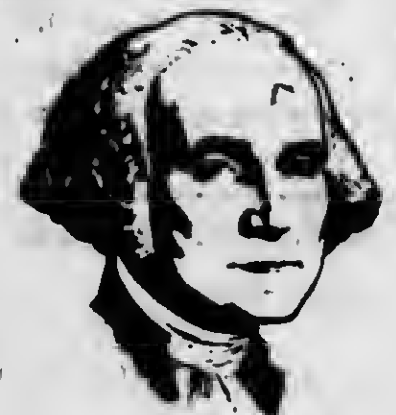
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"A Midsummer Night's Dream" held to benefit the Beverly Montessori School

The Beverly Montessori School, 9916 S. Walden parkway, Chicago, invites parents as well as other interested adults, to a truly dramatic Valentine's Day experience that will help raise funds to cover operating expenses and keep tuition to a minimum.

On Sunday, February 14, from 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., guest are invited to enjoy appetizers, open bar and an auction, followed by a special performance of Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at The Court Theatre on University of Chicago campus, 5355 S. Ellis Ave. Tickets to attend this special benefit reception and performance are \$35. Proceeds from the event will go toward providing The Beverly Montessori School with supplies, parent awareness programs, and educational training for the teachers. For further information, or to reserve tickets, please call Linda Budewitz at 773-239-7635.

The Supremes to perform at Moraine Valley

The Supremes will perform at Moraine Valley Community College on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. The performance will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave.

The Supremes, one of the most successful female singing groups of all time, had 12 number-one hits and 33 songs reach the top 40 between 1964 and 1977. The group will perform all of its hits, including "Where Did Our Love Go," "Stop! In the Name of Love," "Reflections," and "You Keep Me Hangin' On." The performance will feature Mary Wilson, the only member to remain with the group from the beginning.

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"Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" Opera Lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an opera lecture on "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" 2 p.m. Sunday, February 7. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

At this informative session, you will hear vocal and musical selections, learn about the composer, Richard Wagner, and gain a better understanding of the story. The lecture precedes its opening performance at the Lyric Opera of Chicago and will be presented by a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps.

Winter registration continues

Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is still taking Winter registration. Several new programs along with the usual favorites are being offered such as: Tap & Ballet, Pillow Hockey, Cardio Boxing, line dancing, and many other exciting activities and field trips for anyone of any age. Stop by and register now at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call 430-4500.

Celebrate "A Little taste of Poland" at St. Gerald's

Join St. Gerald's Music Ministry in a memorable afternoon beginning with a Polish mass at 12:30 p.m. The popular Lira singers and Children's chorus will lead hymns. Mass will be followed by a full course Pre-Lenten Paczki dinner in the church hall prepared by Kasia's famous catering. Entertainment will be provided by the Lira dancers. Tickets are \$20.00 by reservation only. Seating is limited. Proceeds will benefit the Music Ministry and Poland's Relief Assistance. For further info call Ceil Olejniczak, 423-8126.



Beverly Guild presents E/R

Dr. Sherman, Mike Gandy, of Tinley Park, tries to reason with reluctant patient Mr. Surath, Curtis Fleharty, of Oak Lawn, while Nurse Julie, Caroline Sexton, of Chicago, awaits instructions on what could develop in a serious situation. In this scene from the Beverly Theatre Guild's production of "E/R Emergency Room" to be presented at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th St., on Friday, February 5, Saturday, February 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 7, at 2 p.m. Phone 312-409-2705 for tickets which are \$13 per adult, \$11 per senior citizen or student with a special \$2 discount for medical personnel with valid I.D., group rates are also available. There will also be a raffle on E/R merchandise from the hit television series. The show is recommended for mature audiences because of some subject matter.

Illinois sets record pace for feature film and television productions

Gov. George Ryan announced that 1998 was a record year for the number of feature film and television productions that shot in Illinois. Included in the 57 projects were an unprecedented three television series filming complete episodes in the Chicago area - The CBS series "Early Edition" starring Kyle Chandler, another CBS production, "Turks," starring William Devane and Chicago actors Matthew Armstrong and Michael Muhney, and the ABC series "Cupid" starring Evanston native Jeremy Piven.

"Illinois' film industry helps to strengthen our economy and create employment opportunities for Illinois citizens, not only for those directly involved in the productions, but for service providers such as restaurants, hotels and truck rental companies," Ryan said. "The Illinois Film Office does an outstanding job in working together with local governments and the film industry labor unions to market the vitality, beauty and

economic advantages of Illinois to the film world."

The 57 projects filmed in Illinois in 1998 created more than 19,000 local temporary jobs, generating more than \$83 million dollars in revenue.

"The business of feature film and television is only a portion of the wide ranging number of companies the state assists," said Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood. "In fact the commercial, animation, music and post production industry has an economic impact of almost \$200 million annually, with most of these companies based in Illinois."

In its 22nd year of operation, the Illinois Film Office is a part of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA), providing assistance to the numerous projects that choose Illinois as the location for their productions. Estimates show that since 1976, the motion picture and television industry has brought \$980 million dollars into the Illinois economy, and created over 300,000 film-related jobs.

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Winter Activities

February 5 - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Open House and Seminar - A Divorce Recovery Seminar will be hosted by the New Beginning Ministry of the Stone Church, 6330 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. This seminar is for those who are experiencing the pain and hurt of separation and/or divorce.

The group will meet every Friday beginning February 12. There is no charge for the seminar or Open House. Free child care is provided. For more information, call the church office at (708) 385-2770.

February 12 - 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Rosemont Convention Center for the Festival of Flowers & Homes. The fee for residents is \$22.00, nonresidents is \$27.00 (lunch is on your own). Register now at the Palos Hills Park Department 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call 430-4500.

February 26 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department will offer a trip on a coach bus to a mystery destination, which will include lunch. The fee for residents is \$30.00, nonresidents is \$35.00. Register now at the Park Department. For information call 430-4500.

February 28 - Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 Harlem Ave., Palos Heights, will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, February 28. Sunday morning worship is at 8:45 and 11 a.m., with Adult Bible Study and Choir at 9:45 a.m., and Church School at 11 a.m. All are cordially invited.

March 20 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA is sponsoring a Spring Arts and Crafts Fair at the high school located at 94th and Southwest Highway.

July 23 - 23 - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Onelda Casino & Bingo Palace in Green Bay - Make your reservations now to join the Office of Citizens' Services group for a two-day trip. Deluxe coach bus departs from the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park at approximately 8 a.m. and returning approximately 8 p.m. In addition to the two sessions, there will be plenty of time to enjoy the indoor heated pool, whirlpool and sauna at the Radisson. Cost is \$190/person (dbl.) with rebate of \$110 in casino chips and food coupon book.

Reservations accepted at Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street.

February Events and Festivals

February 2 - 7 - NORTH AMERICAN SNOWMOBILE FESTIVAL - Cadillac, Michigan - More than 10,000 snowmobiles ply the winter wonderland terrain around Lake Cadillac, and participate in a snowmobile torchlight parade. Admission. Call (800) 225-2537.

February 5 - 7 - HOT AIR AFFAIR - Hudson, Wisconsin - More than forty hot air balloons launch into the winter skies during the day, with special moon glows at night. Admission.

Feb. 6 - FAMILY PET EXPO - Oshkosh, Wisconsin - Pet shows, seminars, kids' pet show, demonstrations, obedience training, parade of pet champions at the County Fairgrounds. Admission. Call (920) 236-4242.

February 6 - 7 - KANE COUNTY FLEA MARKET - St. Charles, Illinois - One of the country's largest flea markets features trinkets to treasure. Admission. Call (630) 377-2252.

February 6 - 7 - JAMES DEAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - Fairmount, Indiana - Visit actor's boyhood home and grave site, then head to town museum to tour James Dean exhibit. Admission. Call (765) 948-3326.

February 6 - 7, 13 - 14 - BALD EAGLE WATCH TOURS - Marion, Illinois - Catch a glimpse of the national bird at Crab Orchard Wildlife refuge. Free. Call (618) 997-3344.

February 7 - LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION - Lincoln City, Indiana - Celebrate all that is Abe at Lincoln National Boyhood Home. Free. Call (812) 937-4541.

February 12 - 21 - CHICAGO AUTO SHOW - Chicago, Illinois - Nation's largest auto exhibition offers everything from sleek sports machines and top-of-the-line SUV's to classy sedans and affordable family transportation. Admission. Call (630) 495-2282.

February 13 - 28 - STURGEON FISHING ON LAKE WINNEBAGO - Central Wisconsin - Licenses required. Contact the state's Department of Natural Resources.

February 18 - 22 - Marquette, Michigan - UP 200 SLED-DOG CHAMPIONSHIP - More than 20,000 pull-pooch fans cheer on their favorite canines and drivers as sleds race 240 miles round trip from Marquette and Escanaba. Free. Call (800) 544-4321.

February 27 - 28, March 5 - 6 - PARKE COUNTY MAPLE FAIR - Rockville, Indiana - Tour six working sugar bush camps to see how maple syrup is collected and made. Admission. Call (765) 569-5226.



Mary Rice Hopkins

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It isn't often that parents can find good quality, affordable, character building activities that are perfectly suited for young children. To remedy that, the Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 101 and Central Ave., is hosting a family concert event on Sat., Feb. 13, at 4 p.m.

Mary Rice Hopkins, internationally known songwriter, performer, and recording artist will perform songs that build self-esteem, teach biblical values and caring and sharing principles.

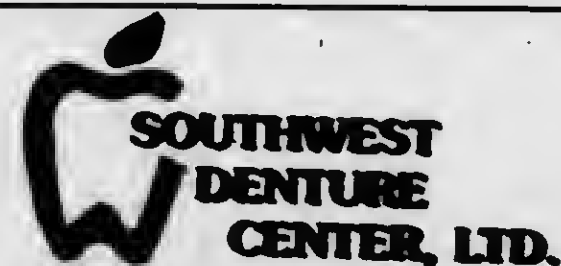
The tickets are only \$5.00 each; children under age 3 are free. To get yours, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and check to the church. For more information, phone (708) 422-0790.

Library displays art in February

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will host an exhibit of student art from Oak Lawn Community High School and an educational display of earth science specimens from the Greater Oak Lawn

Diggers (G.O.L.D.) Club in the first floor community display cases through the month of February.

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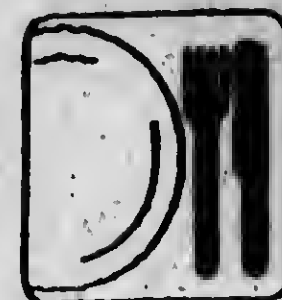
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Romance is at the center of these tender, heart-shaped sandwich cookies where the sweet red raspberry preserves peek out from both the edges and tiny hearts cut into the cookie tops. Created in the Quaker Oatmeal Kitchens, the rich butter cookie dough tastes of naturally nutty whole grain oats and lemon. After assembling the cookie sandwiches, decorate the tops with powdered sugar or melted dark or white chocolate — or make some of all three!

If dinner is part of your Valentine's Day plans, a special dessert can be the perfect finale to your romantic evening. Whether your plans are to eat in or eat out, returning home to Queen of Hearts Frozen Berry Tart will convey your message of love in a special way. Prepared a day in advance, this fabulous dessert features a pat-in-the-pan chocolate oatmeal cookie crust that's easy to make. Either the quick or old fashioned oats can be used with equally good results.

Sweetheart Cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/4 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind (about 2 large lemons)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

1. In medium bowl, combine flour, oats, lemon rind, baking soda and salt; mix well. In large bowl, beat margarine and sugar with electric mixer until creamy. Add egg and vanilla; continue beating until light and fluffy. Stir in oat mixture, mix well. Cover and chill at least one hour.
2. Heat oven to 350°. Divide dough into quarters; work one quarter at a time, keeping remaining dough refrigerated. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut with floured 2-1/2" heart-shaped cookie cutter. Use a 1" heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut out a hole from the center of half the hearts. Reroll and cut scraps. Arrange cookie 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets. Remove to wire rack; cool completely.
4. To assemble cookies, spread 1 teaspoon preserves in the center of each solid cookie. Lightly sprinkle cookies with cutouts with powdered sugar. Place sugar covered cookies, sugar-side up, on top of the cookies with preserves. Serve cookies within 1 day or freeze for longer storage.

Makes About 2-1/2 Dozen Queen of Hearts Frozen Berry Tart

- 1-1/4 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped almonds
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) margarine or butter, melted
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 1 pint (2 cups) raspberry or strawberry sorbet
- 1/2 pint fresh raspberries or one 10 ounce package frozen

Raspberries in syrup, thawed

1. Heat oven to 350°. Lightly spray 9-inch springform pan with cooking spray.
2. In large bowl, combine oats, flour, cocoa powder, brown sugar and almonds; mix well. Add margarine; mix well (mixture will be crumbly). Press oat mixture firmly onto bottom and about 1" up sides of pan.
3. Bake 11 to 12 minutes or until center feels firm but springs back when lightly touched. Place pan on wire rack; cool completely.
4. Soften ice cream and sorbet by placing at room temperature 10 to 15 minutes. (Sorbet will soften faster than the ice cream) Spoon ice cream and sorbet onto cooled crust alternating spoonfuls of ice cream and sorbet. Using spoon or knife, swirl ice cream and sorbet together, creating a marbled effect. Smooth top of dessert. Cover and freeze until firm, about 4 hours, or as long as 3 days.
5. Remove dessert from freezer 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Using a sharp knife, cut into wedges. Spoon raspberries and syrup over individual servings. Store tightly cover in freezer.

12 Servings

Cook's Tip: Sorbet gives this dessert a richer fruit flavor. Raspberry or strawberry sherbet may also be used.



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Cherry Almond Oatmeal Cake

STREUSEL TOPPING

- 1/4 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon margarine,

- 1/4 cup sliced almonds

CAKE

- 1 8-ounce container cherry (fruit on the bottom) low fat yogurt
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 4 egg whites or 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup Quaker oats
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1 cup cherry pie filling, divided

1. Heat oven to 350°. Lightly spray 8-inch square baking pan or 9-inch heart-shaped pan (2 inches deep) with no-stick cooking spray.
2. For streusel, combine oats, flour, brown sugar and nutmeg; mix well. Cut in margarine with pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in almonds; set aside.
3. For cake, combine yogurt, granulated sugar, egg whites, margarine, vanilla

and almond extract in large bowl; mix well. Add combined flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda and salt; mix just until moistened. (Do not over mix.)

4. Spread half of batter in pan. Drop 1/2 cup pie filling in small spoonfuls randomly over batter. Top with remaining batter. Drop spoonfuls of remaining pie filling over batter; sprinkle evenly with streusel.
5. Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Serve warm.

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A One Thousand-Dollar Reward is being offered by the family of Louis Pouhe to be paid to the person or among the persons who provide information which directly results in locating him.

Louis Pouhe is a male/white 87 years old 5'03 / 140 Brn Hair/Hazel Eyes who has been missing from 9137 S. Parkside Ave. Oak Lawn, Illinois.

He was last seen at 1000 am. Dec. 24, 1998 leaving from his home at 9137 S. Parkside Oak Lawn, Ill. He was walking and does not drive. He later had been at a bank at 5555 w. 95th st. at 1044 A.M. 12-24-98

He was last seen wearing a blue ball cap, navy jacket, navy pants, navy sweatshirt, black zipper boots with white fleece lining and tinted eye glasses.



The Oak Lawn Police are asking that anyone with information contact the Oak Lawn Police at 708-422-8292 or sent to OLPD at 9446 S. Raymond Ave. Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453



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Working beneficiaries can earn more in 1999

By Rosalie Thompson
Social Security Field Office Manager

Social Security beneficiaries who work in 1999 can earn more money and still receive all of their Social Security benefits. The earnings limits increase each year with increases in average wages.

Beneficiaries between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$15,500 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$3 that a beneficiary earns over this limit, \$1 is withheld from his or her benefit. In 1998, the earnings limit was \$14,500.

People under age 65 can earn up to \$9,600 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$2 a per-

son under age 65 earns over this amount, \$1 is withheld from their benefits. In 1998, the earnings limit was \$9,120 a year.

People age 70 or older who continue to work do not have benefits withheld no matter how much they earn.



Susan L. Kelsey

Kelsey excepts new position

Former commissioner for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and former Director of Issues Management/Division of Legislative Af-

fairs for the American Medical Association, Susan L. Kelsey, has taken the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago.

Susan received her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa and has completed her thesis with a masters degree in health law from DePaul University.

She is married and the mother of two children.



Read Jacki Mari's monthly column on ...Page 4...

Pouhe's family offers \$1,000 reward

A One thousand dollar reward is being offered by the family of Louis Pouhe to be paid to the person or among the persons who provide information which directly results in locating him.

He was last seen at 10 a.m., December 24, 1998 leaving from his home at 9137 S. Parkside, Oak Lawn and walking to the bank at 5555 W. 95th Street at 10:44 a.m.

Louis Pouhe is a 87 year old white male, 5' 3" tall, 140 pounds, and hazel eyes. He was last seen wearing a blue ball cap, navy jacket, navy pants, navy sweatshirt, black zipper boots with white fleece lining and tinted eyeglasses.

The Oak Lawn Police are asking that anyone with information contact the Oak Lawn Police at 708-422-8292 or Oak Lawn Police Department, 9446 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453



Water Reclamation District elects new officers

At a recent meeting the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago elected its officers.

Pictured above, left to right, is President Terrence J. O'Brien, Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski, newly elected Commissioner James C. Harris, and Vice President Kathleen Therese Meany.

President O'Brien was elected a Commissioner in 1988 and reelected in 1994. In 1997 he was elected for his first term as president of M.W.R.D.

Commissioner Majewski was first elected to the Board of Commissioner in 1984, reelected in 1986, 1992, and 1998. In 1988 she was appointed, then elected, Chairman of The Finance Committee, the first woman ever to hold that position.

Reelected Vice President Kathleen Meany, was first elected Commissioner in 1990, reelected in 1996.

Cong. Lipinski announces plans for "All American Boy and Girl Program"

Rep. Bill Lipinski is sponsoring the 31st Annual All-American Boy and Girl program, to recognize exemplary young men and women in the Third Congressional District.

"I developed this program in the late 1960's to applaud young men and women who get involved in their community as well as excel in the classroom," said Lipinski.

The program is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who live or attend school in the Third Congressional District. The competition is a twofold program consisting of an initial application due to one of Rep. Lipinski's offices by March 1, and then interviews with a panel of

judges scheduled for the week of March 8.

The program concludes with an awards ceremony on March 12, at the Mayfield Banquet Hall in Chicago. The three finalists in each of the four categories will receive plaques and first and second place winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds of \$100 and \$50.

Students can obtain an application at school or pick one up at the Congressman's offices located at 5832 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, and 5239 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. For further information, Please contact Tom Carney in Rep. Lipinski's office at (312) 886-0481.

Make-up entrance exam at Maria

On January 9, 288 eighth grade girls from all over the Chicago area braved the cold and the snow-packed roads to take the Entrance Exam at Maria High School. While the students tested, many parents toured the school and watched a movie to pass time. After the test everyone enjoyed a lunch provided by Marquette National Bank. For any 8th graders who were unable to attend the test on January 9th, a make-up exam is scheduled at Maria for Saturday, February 6, 9 a.m.

Illinois taxpayers are able to file tax returns via Internet

Illinois taxpayers are now able to file their state income tax returns via the Internet.

The department has added Internet filing, on a pilot basis, to its stable of electronic filing options for the IL-1040 that include:

- Internet filing, available to 700,000 randomly selected taxpayers who received a special message on the cover of their 1040 booklets and can file by coming to a special Internet site.

- TeleFile, available to 500,000 taxpayers who received an insert in their state tax booklets and can file by making a 10 minute, toll-free telephone call.

- Direct Electronic Filing, available to 4.8 million taxpayers who meet qualifications spelled out in their state

tax booklets and can file their taxes by going to a tax practitioner registered with the department.

Taxpayers eligible for Internet filing will find a special message printed on the front of their IL-1040 booklets and a unique personal identification number printed inside the booklet.

Those eligible for TeleFile have a special four page insert in their tax booklets.

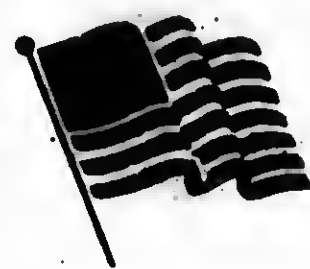
Only taxpayers who are preselected for Internet Filing and TeleFile are eligible to participate in those programs.

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Brian Granato joins Founders Bank



Brian Granato

Brian M. Granato recently joined Founders Bank as Assistant Vice President/Trust Officer. He steps into immediate responsibilities for account administration and new business development for the bank's rapidly growing Trust Department.

Prior to joining Founders Bank, Brian spent his entire banking career with Standard Bank & Trust Co. Initially hired as a teller in 1989, he worked his way

through the organization while at the same time completing the bank's management training program. For the past eight years, his focus had centered primarily on the activities of the Trust Department.

Brian graduated from St. Xavier University, Chicago, with a B.S. in finance in 1989. He received his M.B.A. in finance from the same institution in 1995, and is a graduate of Chicago's Brother Rice High School. Currently residing in Tinley Park, Brian remains an active member of the Hickory Hills Chapter of SERTOMA (Service to Mankind) Club.

Palos Hills Meeting Palos Hills to purchase new computers

By Carlene E. O'Connor

The Palos Hills City Council is going to update its computer system. The purchase of new hardware will cost \$32,000 and prepare city hall for the next millennium.

The current system is outdated because it only is programmed to recognize 19 as a year prefix. Loan proceeds as well as money in the current budget will be used to

pay for the system.

In Mayor Bennett's report, he said "Parks will be a priority in 1999 and added to our 'wish list' when we apply for grants in Springfield."

He also said that for the first time in its history Palos Hills will be installing Early Warning Weather Sirens. It is state of the art and will assist along with the National Weather Service in providing residents with warning alerts during severe weather.

The following residents have been recognized for outstanding service to the community.

Plows Council on Aging Award - Catherine Moscato, Marion Swensek, Annette D'Antonio

Cook County Sheriffs Youth Service Medal of Honor Award - Brittany Boyle, Steve Danalewich, Robert Fojtik, Amanda Martin, Stephanie Martin, Julie Nowoludski, Jessica Ortigoza, Remas Sidrys.

In conjunction with their 40th anniversary the Community Resource Department would like to publish a cookbook. To submit recipes call 598-3400, extension 114.

The 2nd Annual Senior Prom will be held Sunday, March 7th at the Community Activity Center. There will be a free buffet luncheon, dancing, and friendship. Music will be provided by the band "Senese." RSVP by March 1st at the Community Resource Department.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear a petition from Kathleen Hanratty on February 9th at 7:30 p.m. for property located at 10016 S. Eleanor Avenue. The request is for a 25% variation for the construction of a garage.

City vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by midnight February 28th. Citations will be issued March 1st for all vehicles registered to Palos Hills and not displaying the sticker. Fines for citations are \$35.00. City Hall will have extended hours the week of February 21st and will be open until 6:30 p.m. and regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 27th.

Six Police Officers were among the 25 officers from Chicago and surrounding suburbs who were given the Award of Valor for Heroism and Bravery by Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheehan at the Sixth Annual Sheriff's Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony: Sgt. Debra Legatzke, Officer Robert Mankowski, Officer James Boil, Lt. Dan Hurley, Officer Darren Prochaska, Officer Rosanne Taylor

On February 8th at 7:30 p.m. the Planning Commission will hear a request from John Farano for property located at the northeast corner of 102nd and Roberts Road.

The request is for a special use for the construction of a 62 bedroom townhouse units and an 8% lot variance. The property is zoned B-1A.

On February 9th at 7:30 p.m. the Zoning Board of Appeals will hear a request for property 8800 S. 102nd Street from Steven and Laura Schuldt. The request is for a variation greater than 25% to allow for the construction of an attached garage. A side-yard variance may also be needed. The property is zoned R-2.

The next Palos Hills City Council Meeting will be February 4, at 8 p.m.

Palos Heights Meeting Palos Heights Appoints New Treasurer

By Carlene E. O'Connor

The Palos Heights City Council appointed a new treasurer, Frank Oswald, on Tuesday, January 19th. He is the third treasurer to be appointed this year.

The alderman voted not to take any further action on the resignation of former treasurer James Camphouse who resigned January 5 under tense circumstances. Camphouse resigned as a result of an argument with a police officer.

According to Alderman Jim Murphy (1st Ward) Camphouse grabbed the arm of a Palos Heights Police Officer during a heated discussion about granting insurance benefits to the family of deceased Palos Park Police Officer Steven Mezewich. Murphy called for an investigation into the situation. He told Mayor Koldenhoven to write a letter to the Cook County State's Attorney Office Public Integrity Unit. Murphy felt an investigation was necessary to protect and clear the reputation of the police department.

He said, "With these allegations being out there, it

leaves a cloud on the police department. It brings the allegations into questioning the integrity of our police department that any policeman or any city employee, can intimidate any one of us elected officials into resigning."

Murphy also wanted a formal apology given to the police officer involved by Alderman Alan Fulkerson (4th Ward) and the Mayor. Fulkerson defended Camphouse and wanted an investigation. He refused to apologize because he said he did not name the police officer or police department at the last meeting when he called for an investigation into the rumors.

Murphy became upset again and called for a complete investigation into the incident.

Alderman Bob Donnick (2nd Ward) said, "I think it is ridiculous that we are carrying this on. We are making good news now and making it worse."

Alderman Frank Passarelli (2nd Ward) also wanted the matter dropped. He said, "I think it is time

for healing. This is being blown out of proportion."

Alderman voted 7 to 1 to accept Camphouse's resignation with Murphy objecting to the motion.

Frank Oswald was sworn in as city treasurer and his appointment became effective immediately.

An issue which has been brought up many times was brought up again to the city council. Should privately owned structures be built on city owned right of way?

Alderman voted 7 to 1 to reject an amendment to the ordinance.


The matter evolved when Michael and Rhonda Kearney requested a variance at the July 7th city council meeting to fix a shed which stands on their property at the 7500 block of Isnala Drive. Koldenhoven has objected to all ideas pertaining to the matter stating that he was defending the city's insurance liability. Alderman Passarelli who wanted to speed matters up and keep the story from reappearing in the newspapers moved to amend the ordinance which would allow

the Kearney's to fix their fence immediately. Alderman Julie Corsi (1st Ward) objected to amending the ordinance saying, "We already have an ordinance, so why give the mayor a chance to veto."

Alderman referred the matter to the License, Permits, and Franchise Committee. They are considering a lease - license agreement with the city.

The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, February 2.


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Bridgeview candidate cites shortfalls in village accounts

by Jude Coyle

After the board went into executive session at their meeting of February 10th, and after adjournment, the members of the audience were asked to comment.

Building commissioner Joe Madonia of 7322 W. 83rd Place took the floor. He read from a prepared statement citing shortfalls in the village's accounts.

Specifically that on January 22, the Southtown reported that the board approved a transfer of \$250,000 from the Water Fund into the Corporate Fund to cover a shortfall. On May 24, 1996, in a letter to the mayor and trustees, village bookkeeper Jeff Bishop indicated that expenditures have increased over revenues by almost 100%. On June, 1977, the bookkeeper explained that motor fuel tax revenues were exceeded by expenditures of \$108,000, and that surpluses from earlier years were less than expected.

In August, 1997, the bookkeeper reported that the village, between May 1, 1995 through April 30, 1998, would have a deficit in the General Corporate Fund of \$2.25 million. In October, 1997, and June 1998, the mayor and board were asked

to pay closer attention to the village's financial condition.

Mr. Madonia explained that over and over again, the village was informed of a shrinking tax base while expenditures remained high. In January, 1999, bookkeeper Jeff Bishop wrote the mayor and trustees, stating that an infusion of cash in the amount of \$250,000 was needed from the water and sewer fund to cover payrolls and other obligation. On February 3rd, the board voted 3 to 3 to make that transfer.

Trustee Pticek answered Mr. Madonia, stating that last year \$500,000 had been cut from the budget last year and another \$450,000 would be cut this year. He assured Mr. Madonia that the board does care. One of the ways they are saving money is when someone retires he is not replaced.

Trustee Pinion stated that they were doing everything they could to cut ends where it does not effect the quality of life.

Fran Green of 7733 Collins chided Mr. Madonia for making a political speech.



Pictured left to right: Chamber members Linda Garvin; Bob Evans; Immediate Past President, Laura Shallow; Mayor Ernest Kolb; 1999 Chamber President, Chris Augle; Doris Marks; Chuck Dinolfo; Joan Kennedy

Oak Lawn Chamber welcomes new president Chris

The Oak Lawn Chamber's message "Make Business Great in 98" was exemplified by the leadership of past president, Laura Shallow. As she turned over the gavel at the chamber Installation Dinner on January 9, 1999, Laura Shallow thanked the dedication of its members and fellow officers.

"The Best of Times in 99" is the new model for the chamber, stated current president Chris Augle, owner of Christopher John Floral Design. Chris is looking for continued support from current members and is looking forward for new members to develop on going relationships with the Oak Lawn Chamber.

Our board of directors, along with the officers, encourage businesses to get involve this year by becoming a member of the Oak Lawn Chamber and participate by attending the luncheons, business mixers, in order to network among each other and open the door to a brighter future for you and your business.

The new business after hour event is February 24th, for further information contact Joan Kennedy, executive director for the Oak Lawn Chamber at 708-424-8300.

Ryan speeds up pothole repair

Governor George H. Ryan announced he is directing a speed up of the repairs of potholes on the Dan Ryan Expressway by bringing in private contractors to bolster the state work force.

The governor also announced plans to accelerate this spring a \$12 million to \$15 million nighttime resurfacing plan for permanent repairs on the Ryan from 31st Street to the Interstate 57 - Bishop Ford Expressway.

"We need to get more people and equipment out on the Ryan now to ease the problems for motorists. K-5 Construction and Gallagher

Construction will supplement the state work crews and will continue to work on the expressway, weather permitting," Ryan said.

For the major resurfacing, IDOT will hold a special bid solicitation on March 5, 1999. The project calls for resurfacing all eight lanes of the Ryan from 67th Street to

Sunday, February 21, 1999
Sunday, February 28, 1999

Rep. Zickus prioritizes internet safety

To increase the safety of the information superhighway, State Representative Anne Zickus has sponsored an internet crime package containing ten pieces of internet safety related legislation.

"These proposals will protect internet users as well as those who may be solicited with unwanted materials,

said Rep. Zickus. "This legislation will allow parents and their children to feel safer using the internet."

The internet crime package includes the following offenses:

- Transmission of material in furtherance of gang activity over the internet.

- Transmission of drug information over the internet.

- Seduction of a minor using the internet (Class A Misdemeanor - up to 1 year in jail).

- Knowingly disseminating obscene material to a minor by computer (Class 4 felony, 1 to 3 years in jail).

- Solicitation of children for performances of pornography over the internet.

- Transmission of gambling over the internet.

Two new laws will also help protect internet service providers and their customers

from theft of on-line service (Class A Misdemeanor) as well as from unsolicited "junk" E-mail with false headings or non-attributed sources (also referred to as spam messages).

"A special appropriation for the Illinois State Police to monitor the internet for child pornography has been included in this legislation," said Rep. Zickus. "We cannot compromise the safety of our children for the speed and openness of the internet. This legislation does not re-

strict legal activities over the internet, it merely institutes some safeguards to protect children from predators."

Internet users can now access information about the Illinois General Assembly by logging on to <http://housegop.state.il.us/zickus/index.htm>.



Stroll down gangsters lane

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Publisher's Pen

By Annette Dixon

What would you do with an 88 carat emerald? James Hill, 35, from Hiddenite, N.C. tapped into a generous vein of high quality emeralds. Hill owns the site at the North American Emerald Mines. There's something to look up on your internet, abandoned mines.

Friday, March 12th, there will be a 16th annual party honoring Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb. You can contact Jayne Powers for tickets.

For our Bridgeview residents, there will be an election coming up April 13, Steve Landek and Joe Madonia will be running for Mayor of Bridgeview. Oremus supports Joe Madonia for Mayor and the New Future Party.

In Palos Park, I believe that is the smallest of our serving communities, but they are having a primary February 23. Are the voters aware that this comes out of their tax dollars?

Hospitals tell us they are 100% occupied with patients waiting for beds.

Get well Bud Meyer. He is currently in Christ Hospital.

Condolences to our Theatre Critic, Georgian Fitzgerald whose friend, Dr. Donald Pippert passed away January 17. Don was a dentist, actor, poet and World War II Navy veteran. We will surely miss Don. He was such an intelligent, friendly, and kind person.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre Group.

For those who would like to join the Southside Italian American Women's Group, the meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be March 9, 1999.

Village View Newspaper would like to thank the Oak Lawn Library for copies of Village View Newspaper which were given to us. That means our newspaper had a 25th anniversary in November of 1998.

We are going to continue to celebrate our 25th anniversary in June of '99 as we had originally planned.



Of the 22 Shriners Hospitals, 21 have either been rebuilt or totally renovated. The new Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia was dedicated April 26, 1998.

Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting
February 9, 1999

By: F.J. Soczek

Trustee William Keane noted the Oak Lawn Park District recently allocated insurance proceeds from the Cook School fire for various other projects.

Park District Director Maddie Kelly confirmed the Board's decision to disburse the funds for remodeling existing gymnasium facilities at the Oakview Community Center into a theater, golf course clubhouse updating, tennis court/gymnasium modifications and relocating the administration center.

Keane stated the remains of the Village's sole National Historic Landmark, vacant since the fire several years ago, are "unsafe" and would not be allowed to remain in their existing condition if privately owned.

Upon further inquiry regarding Mr. Keane's safety contention, Village "Quality Control" Director Lynn Krauss declined discussion of the matter.

Trustee Ronald Stanick announced the Oak Lawn Community Nutrition Network, 9420 S. 52nd Ave., was in need of volunteers to deliver meals to senior shut-ins in Oak Lawn and Hometown.

The organization is one of 17 meal sites throughout Cook County preparing 2,500 meals per day.

Extraordinary Millennium Walking Tours in Israel

Beginning this spring, as the world moves toward the auspicious change of the millennium, Israel is offering the most fascinating series of walking tours and hikes in the world. Sponsored by The Society of the Protection of Nature, Israel's venerable eco-tourist guardians, "The Jubileum March" is a rich program of pure experience.

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in the Galilee, the walks are scheduled to take place from May through December 1999 and throughout the year 2000. Many walks are planned to coincide with the religious festivals celebrated by the three monotheistic religions of the Holy Land - Christian, Jewish and Muslim. Several routes are suitable for families with children, others are extremely rigorous.

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According to Marie Arrigoni, Manager of the Community Nutrition Network, "We are living in a time when family members no longer live around the corner and neighbors do not help neighbors. When an individual becomes homebound due to illness, he must reach out to the community for help."

The Network is seeking volunteers willing to assist one hour a day, once a week.

"Our volunteers will tell you what a rewarding job this is--helping those who can no longer help themselves. A few minutes to chat with a volunteer really brightens the day of our homebound seniors."

If you are interested in volunteering a little time, please contact Marie Arrigoni at (708) 422-5180.

Trustee Jerry Hurekes announced a District 1 community meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Center, 9400 Oak Park Ave. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Village Clerk A. Jayne Powers administered formal oaths promoting police Sgt. Thomas Simon to the rank of Lieutenant and Patrol Officer Dennis Doyle to the rank of Sergeant.

Also sworn was Kevin Lynn to the position of Firefighter.

The following variances were unanimously approved without comment or discussion by the Board:

A 20% (10') variance in lot width and a 19.5% variance (1,216') in square foot lot area at 8919 S. Parkside by Gerhardt Gliche, attorney for owner William Brennan;

A 20% (10') variance in lot width and a 19.5% variance (1,216') in square foot area at 8917 S. Parkside by Gerhardt Gliche, attorney for owner Maureen Brennan and

A 28% parking variation at 7117 W. 93rd St for the purposes of condominium conversion of an existing 25 unit apartment building. Petitioner Barry Boyle's intention to construct a masonry 14 car garage, while complying with a 1971 ordinance requiring 1.25 parking spaces per unit, did not satisfy the 2 space per unit regulation currently in effect.

The Village sign ordinance was amended by unanimous approval to restrict the use of banners, inflatable objects, pennants, temporary signs, window signs and political endorsements.

Legal definitions of terms such as "attention getting devices," electronic or electric "changing signs" (ie time, temperature, date etc.) "streamers, propellers and spinners," along with "business flags," "valances" and "directional" devices are addressed in the revision.

Worth Village Board - February 2

By Jude Coyle

Mayor James Bilder opened the Worth Village Board Committee Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Clerk Patricia Miller called roll. Trustees Mark Meany, Sharon Wierenga, Frank Bonham, John O'Connell, Georgia Duffy, Edward Guzdziol and Attorney Burt Odelson were present.

Jim Hawn of Kemper Sports reported that the Grand Opening of the Water's Edge Golf Course is tentatively scheduled for May 17. He erected a booth at The I.P.G.A. Golf Expo at Navy Pier the weekend of February 12 thru 14. The presentation included a color layout, pictures and brochures listing times, prices, etc. A trade show is also scheduled for March in Oak Lawn.

The Circuit Court of Cook County will allow the village to enter the Stewart property to erect temporary fencing and 'No Trespassing' signs. They will remain in place until village representatives are satisfied that safety hazards are corrected. The issue will stay on the court's calendar until this is settled.

Clerk Pat Miller announced that Maggie Crotty will conduct a Town Hall Meeting in Worth on April 5, at 6 p.m.

Misericordia asked that April 23 and 24, 1999, is set

aside as Fannie May Candy Days. That was added to the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Mark Meany recommended that the bid for the drywall, taping, suspended ceiling, cleanup, etc. for the Clubhouse be awarded to Pinto Construction Group at a cost of \$61,259.00. He also asked for approval of a payment of \$2,408.85 to Chicago Ridge. That is Worth's half of the cost of striping 107th Street, from Ridgeland to I-294. Both items were placed on the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Sharon Wierenga asked that a business license be issued to Theo's Candies and Nuts of 6717 W. 111th Street. This was placed on the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Frank Bonham, representing Chief Wesselhoff, asked permission to order carpeting for the sleeping quarters at the firehouse. The cost should not exceed \$800. He asked permission to order new ambulance equipment in the amount of \$9,301.00. The old ambulance will be kept as a back up. Also the Chief plans to replace its low front seats with high seats. This could cost \$800. These items were added to the Consent Agenda.

An ordinance establishing the position of Deputy Chief

sparked questions. This would be the only rank between the positions of sergeant and chief, and would be tailored so that the recruit would come up from the ranks. The candidate would take the place of the chief during his absence. He would take a leave of absence from the union during his tenure, and once that ended, he would return to the same rank he was before. Trustee Bonham asked for permission to work with Attorney Odelson and Chief Gilbert to draw up the ordinance, job description and salary. Trustee Guzdziol felt that this position might make the police department top heavy.

Trustee John O'Connell reported on the golf course. Permanent tee times will be scheduled from 6 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on Saturday and Sunday, creating 32 slots each day. Twelve slots on Sunday and 14 slots on Saturday will remain open for public use. Requests for permanent tee times has been great. A lottery was scheduled for February 15. Permanent slots will go to four-somes, at a \$100 per person. Alternates will be drawn at the same time. Anyone wishing to enter, should call Kemper Sports at (847) 480-

4864. Winners will be notified by the weekend. Reservation for open tee times should be made a day in advance. Leagues will be held Monday through Thursday, after 1 p.m. Twilight rates are available.

Trustee Georgia Duffy requested that the property at 11028 Worth Avenue, which measures 100' x 150', be subdivided into two lots. One would measure 40' x 50', and the second would measure 60' x 150'. Osco Drug requested permission to erect a temporary greenhouse on their lot to accommodate the sale of spring plants and flowers. The American Legion is building a gas fireplace in their lounge and asks that the village waive the fees. These items were added to the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Ed Guzdziol asked that the village retire the 1966 step van and three unused salt spreaders. Two new spreaders have been purchased. This was added to the Consent Agenda.

Reacting to a letter the mayor received from a resident, the Fire Chief discussed red flagging names in the 911 system. The woman's letter concerned her mother's need of oxygen. According to the Chief,

if someone has a special problem an entry can be made in the 911 computer system, so when a problem arises, it can be handled as quickly as possible.

A resident from New England asked that a street light be placed on the corner of 113th Place and New England. It is dark and has become a dumping ground for trash. The village will check with Commonwealth Edison about juggling or angling lights. The cost of new lights is prohibitive.

Boy Scout Kenneth R. George of Troop 668 has achieved the rank of Life and is now working on Eagle, which is the highest rank in Boy Scouting. Ken is a Sophomore at Sheppard. One of the requirements of Eagle is that he develops, finds funding, and direct his fellow scouts in the completion of a community service project. He asked for help from the board. Ken plans to purchase and install seating at Worth Terrace Baseball Field. The park will be used this year only. The seating will then be moved to a permanent location. After some discussion, the board decided that the village would purchase the seating if the project was approved by the Recreational Fields Com-

mission.

The Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The Regular Board Meeting of the Worth Village Board came to order at 9 p.m. The Consent Agenda was voted on and accepted as presented. Trustee Bonham called for a vote on an ordinance requiring personnel to use seat belts while traveling in village vehicles. Trustees Duffy, Bonham and Meany voted yes, while Trustees Wierenga, Guzdziol and O'Connell voted no. Mayor Bilder broke the tie by voting yes. The board gave authorization to Trustee Bonham, Attorney Odelson and Chief Gilbert to draw up the Deputy Chief Ordinance.

After a short discussion with Boy Scout Ken George, Trustee O'Connell asked for \$2,000 to purchase one four row bleacher section and two 15 foot player benches. The price includes shipping and handling. This was carried.

Trustee Duffy asked that the lottery for permanent tee time be made public. Mayor Bilder responded that he would welcome the press. Plans will be forth coming.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Civil War uniform collection on display

A collection of more than 50 soldiers dressed in Civil War era uniforms, including Robert E. Lee on his favorite horse, is on display through the end of April at the Old Market House State Historic Site in Galena.

History professor and

Civil War reenactor Gene Wright has collected original uniforms and accurate reproductions for 20 years. The uniforms are displayed on full-size mannequins and represent all aspects of the Civil War. Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee

are featured, with Lee on his favorite horse, "Traveler." Also included are Captain David Van Buskirk, the tallest man in the Union Army; Dr. Mary Walker; and Jefferson Davis. The public may visit the display free of charge.

The Old Market House State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, was built in 1846 as the commercial and city government center of Galena. The site reopened in October 1998 following an extensive renovation project, and is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge, although a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is suggested.

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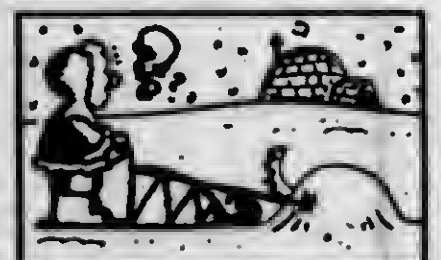
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Gallagher joins Founders Bank



Francis X. Gallagher

Founders Bank recently announced the appointment of Francis X. Gallagher to the position of Vice President, Business Development. Located the Mount Greenwood branch, Mr. Gallagher assumes responsibility for new business development activities ranging from commercial business and home loans, to personal savings and checking accounts.

Fran comes to Founders from Little Company of

Mary Hospital, where he served as Public Relations Director from 1966 through 1981, and then as Vice President, Planned Giving, until joining the bank. Fran's long history in the advertising and public relations field includes employment with Evergreen Park Savings and Loan Association, International Telephone and Telegraph, and Johns Manville Corp. before embarking on his business career. Fran taught English, History and Civics at Fenger H.S. in Chicago.

Over the years, Fran has been involved with a diverse variety of community activities and professional associations. He is currently a member of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce; General Chairman of the Evergreen Park Independence Day Celebration; a member of the Marist H.S. Board of Directors;

and a member of the Irish Fellowship Club. Fran is also a past President of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce; a former President of the Evergreen Park Unit of the American Cancer Society; a past member and Chairman of the Mayslake Retreat House in Oak Brook; a former member of the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee Chairman at Mother McAuley H.S.; Past exalted Ruler and member of the Chicago South Elks Club; and former member of the St. Xavier University Presidents Council.

Fran's many achievements include being named "Man of the Year" by the Boy Scouts of America, and Evergreen Park Citizen of the Year. He also had the honor of serving as News Media Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago when Pope John Paul II visited the city in 1979.



Water Reclamation District elects new officers

At a recent meeting the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago elected its officers.

Pictured above, left to right, is Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski extending congratulations to President Terrence J. O'Brien, and Vice President Kathleen Therese Meany.

Commissioner Majewski was first elected to the Board of Commissioner in 1984, re-elected in 1986, 1992 and 1998. In 1988 she was appointed, then elected, Chairman of The Finance Committee, the first woman ever to hold that position.

President O'Brien was elected a Commissioner in 1988 and reelected in 1994. In 1997 he was elected for his first term as President of M.W.R.D.

Reelected Vice President Kathleen Meany, was first elected Commissioner in 1990, re-elected in 1996.

Palos Hills Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills Meeting of February 4th, alderman voted 9-1 to adopt the annual salary ordinance which would give all non-union city employees a three percent raise retroactive from May 1st of last year. Alderman Pauline Stratton voted against the ordinance because of the city's financial situation.

Dan Scurek, chairman of finance, described Stratton's vote a "political move." He said, "It sounds good to say no type of spending increase."

Alderman Frank Williams, chairman of community resources, announced in his report that February is National Heart Month. "Have a heart and donate blood with Heartland Blood Centers and the City of Palos Hills." The city's blood drive is open to the public. It will be held February 20

at the Community Business Expo located at Conrady Jr. High School, 97th and Roberts Road. The expo is free and will feature local businesses, civic organizations, and entertainment. For more information or to arrange your appointment to donate blood call the Community Resource Department at 708/598-3400, extension 114.

The park department will offer a trip on a coach bus to a mystery destination, which will include lunch, on Friday, February 26. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. The fee is \$30 for residents.

On Monday, March 1st, the park department is offering a trip to Challenge Park for paint ball. The bus will leave the park department at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. The fee is \$25 for residents. This includes transportation,

admission, pump gun, 200 rounds of paint ball ammunition and safety goggles. Lunch is on your own. For more information about either of these two events contact the park department at 430-4500.

The second registration

Tim Weigel and wife Vicki to be guest speakers at St. Lawrence

Tim Weigel, Sports Anchor for WBBM-TV, and his wife, broadcaster Vicki Truax, will be the keynote speakers later this month at "Career Day '99" at St. Lawrence High School, 5556 W. 77th St. in Burbank.

"Career Day '99" will take place on Friday morning, February 26. Over fifty guest speakers, most of whom are St. Lawrence alumni, will be present to provide information on their companies, job responsibilities and educational background.

There will be three, forty-minute sessions for students to attend. Afterwards, Tim Weigel and Vicki Truax will address the students and staff in the gymnasium, followed by a luncheon for all guests.

For more information call 708-458-6005 or 248.

for park department classes will begin March 4. Programs include Busy Hands, Pipsqueak Playtime, tumbling classes, drawing classes and more. Sign up early because space is limited.

The Palos Hills Friendship Fest '99 is scheduled for July 9 - 11. The Astro Amusement Carnival Company

will be running the rides, games, and other attractions. There will be a car show, arts and crafts show, food vendors, beer garden, entertainment, bingo and fireworks.

The next city council meeting will be February 18 at 8 p.m.



Military News

Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Scudella, a 1996 graduate of Stagg High School of Palos Hills, recently completed sustenance training in Hawaii while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1996.

Navy Seaman Recruit Vincent J. Baena, a 1996 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Navy Fireman William A. Haro, son of Elizabeth A. and William A. Haro II of Burbank, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

He is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High School.

Navy Seaman Brian B. Fettig, son of Bernard J. and Janet L. Fettig of Evergreen Park, recently graduated from recruit training and was presented the Military Excellence Award at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

He is a 1996 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. John L. Eul, son of Susan G. Treacy of Evergreen Park and John J. Eul of Oak Lawn, recently completed the Tactical Air Command Central Repairman Course.

The 1997 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School joined the Marine Corps in Dec. 1997.

Marine Pfc. Joshua C. McManus, son of Sharon

McManus of Evergreen Park, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1997 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Christina Rivera, daughter of John M. and Maria B. Rivera of Burbank, has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

She is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High School.

Marine Pfc. Anthony J. Temko, son of Margaret E. and Dennis Temko Sr. of Burbank, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank.

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Prior to joining MNB, Thom was a Vice President of Old Kent Bank. He holds an Economics degree from Wheaton College.

In addition, Bamford serves on several community-related boards, chairs a Business Advisory Board for Simeon Vocational Career Academy, is a member of the Roseland Redevelopment Planning Board, speaks at small business seminars on a variety of topics, and has written and presented curricula on credit, home buying, and establishing/maintaining a successful relationship with a lending institution.

Rev. Farjardo to speak at revival

The River of Life Revival began in April 1997 at the Stone Church, 6330 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Various visiting Evangelists have filled the pulpit in the ensuing months.

At the present time, the guest speaker is Rev. Gloria Farjardo. Sister Gloria and her husband David have pastored for the past eight

years at Cathedral of the Palms in Corpus Christi, Texas. She has been in the ministry for over 25 years, traveling extensively in the U.S. and abroad, preaching on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Farjardo is currently scheduled to speak at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Revival services are also held at 6 p.m. on Sundays with different speakers.

For more information, call the church office at (708) 385-2770.

Senior citizens "Circuit Breaker" program

The Circuit Breaker, a tax relief grant administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, aims to relieve senior citizens from some of the burden of property and sales tax.

To be eligible for this grant, applicants must be 65 or older before January 1, 1999, and have a 1998 household income of \$16,000 or less. Those who qualify for this grant may purchase a pharmaceutical assistance card that helps cover the cost of some heart, arthritis, diabetes prescriptions. There is also a discount on your vehicle registration renewal.

If you have applied for the Circuit Breaker in the past, the IL-11363 form will be mailed to you. Forms will be available for residents at the Stickney Township Office on Aging, 5635 State Road, Burbank.

Appointments are required. Call 708/424-92200, extension 65, 62 or 67 for an appointment and further information.

Library Community Information Centers

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has several Community Information Centers that offer local organizations the opportunity to display or distribute posters, flyers, brochures, newsletters and other publications.

Those interested in placement should leave their material at the Reception Booth, first floor, or mail items to the Oak Lawn Public Library, Attn: Public Relations, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. All material must be pre-approved by the Public Relations Office. Items are posted on a first-come, first-served basis. Material posted without approval will be discarded. Publications or receptacles soliciting monetary donations and/or purchase of any product or services sold by any individual, commercial or charitable enterprise are not permitted on library premises.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



Quilters raise funds for Youth Group

Debbie Kresnicka, Arlene Brown, Sylvia Spada and Irene Lane are seated in front of the first quilt they finished to raise funds for the Youth Group's Mission Work at Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 Harlem Ave. Not pictured are: Rosemary Grey, Jewell Perry and Laura Proudfoot. Their second project is shown in front of them. Now completed, it is on display at the church. Bids start at \$400. For more information call Arlene Brown, 599-1196. Quilters are most welcome to join the group.

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Beverly Montessori School prepares for national celebration

For the past four years Montessori schools all over the nation have celebrated Montessori Education Week. This year the celebration will take place Feb. 21-27. Over 5,000 Montessori schools nationwide, private and public, will celebrate this week with a variety of school and community wide activities to heighten awareness about Maria Montessori's life and work.

Beverly Montessori School, located at 9916 S. Walden Parkway in Chicago, has scheduled an Open House, on Sunday, February 21 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Members of the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park community and other neighboring communities are welcome to attend. The Open House is an opportunity to introduce the Montessori philosophy and demonstrate how it is implemented at the pre-primary level. Educators will

be on hand to explain the use of the materials and answer any questions.

Parents and professionals alike claim that the Montessori approach is on the cutting edge of today's school reform movement. Multi-age grouping, a rich and extensive curriculum implemented with hands-on developmentally appropriate materials, cross discipline learning and care of the global environment are some of the characteristics that make a Montessori classroom different from the traditional classroom. From their original early childhood classes for ages three through six, many Montessori schools have now expanded to infants, toddlers, and elementary children with a few continuing through middle school and high school. For information call 773/239-7635.

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Oak Lawn Theatre salutes American icon in "Will Rogers Follies"

The Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre will be performing "The Will Rogers Follies, a Life in Review" on Thursday, March 18, Friday, March 12 & 19, Saturday, March 13 and 20 and Sunday, March 14 and 21. All performances will be held at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Performances begin at 8 p.m. with the exception of Sunday performances which will be held at 3 p.m.

The curtain rises on a folies-style tribute to the man whose daily newspaper column sent Americans on their way each morning with smiles on their faces. Will Rogers became a multimedia sensation, performing on a weekly talk radio show as

well as starring in motion pictures. These accomplishments pale in comparison to the importance of Will's philosophy on life that relentlessly bestowed confidence in the goodness of his fellow man. Rare is the man who transcends decades and rises to the level of legend, but that's exactly what Will Rogers did. Join the Oak Lawn Community Theatre cast for this upbeat celebration of this folk hero who made the world "a whole better place" than it was before he entered it.

Advance tickets are on sale now at the Oakview Center, \$13.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors citizens and children. Call (708) 857-2200 for information.



Murder at Pheasant Run

Rockton Productions and Director Diana L. Martinez invite you to witness a murder, "Dial M for Murder" at Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre, showing through April 18. This classic Hitchcock thriller is brought to life on stage as Tony Wendice plots the "perfect murder" of his beautiful wife Margot. He married her for the money and now he's planning her murder for the same reason, not to mention her extramarital affair. This murder mystery is one thriller that is sure to keep you riveted to your seat. The story takes place in Wendice's abode in

London. Designer, David Natchke along with a talented team of eight carpenters has created a beautiful custom-built flat right on the Pheasant Run Stage, complete with period artwork. Director Martinez brings you the talent of one amazing cast that will intrigue you with mystery and thrill you with suspense.

For reservations call the Pheasant Run box office at 630-584-6342 or Ticketmaster at 312/559-1212. For overnight packages or further information about the resort call 630-584-6300.

Sheriff's office to participate in auto show

The Cook County Sheriff's Office will participate in the 91st Annual Chicago Auto Show, February 12-21, at McCormick Place South Building, the Office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced.

The Sheriff's Office booth will have a display highlighting a number of areas within the department, including the Sheriff's Police, D.A.R.E., and preventive programs, court services, the Department of Corrections, boot camp, emergency management services, and community services.

Additionally, the booth will feature canine demonstrations and have a number of informational brochures available regarding drug awareness, child Internet safety and personal safety, among other topics.

Friends request book sale donations

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are now accepting donations of "gently used" books and magazines for a Mid-Year Book Sale scheduled to be held 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. This one-day-only event will be open to the public in the library's lower level meeting room.

Donations may be dropped off at the library on a designated table near the Cook Avenue entrance. Since it is their aim to sell the donated material, the friends request that patrons refrain from bringing in musty, mildewed, soiled, smoke-damaged or torn items.

Skating school gears up in Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton, is now accepting registration for the Spring Skating School to be held from February 23 through May 8.

Participants will be placed into a class suitable for their age and ability. Class lengths and fees vary. For more information call Leslie Friess at 708/857-5173.

Patti Page comes to the Paramount

With more than 100 albums and 160 singles, the music of Patti Page has spanned generations. The timelessness of her classics has made her the top selling female vocalist of all time and earned her the nickname "The Singing Rage."

Page, whose hits include "Tennessee Waltz," "Allegheny Moon" and "Doggie in the Window," among others, has kept current in the music scene. Her repertoire includes a cover of "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and the always-moving "Unchained melody."

On Sunday, Feb. 28, this notable performer comes to the Paramount Arts Centre, 8 East Galena Blvd., Aurora for a 3 p.m. performance.

Tickets are \$25, \$30, and \$35 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster, the Paramount Arts Centre box office and by phone at (630) 896-6666.

Bluegrass concert at Library

Put on your foot-tapping shoes and grab a friend! Forest View Express will perform fast pickin' bluegrass music 2 p.m. Sunday, February 28, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free. Lower level meeting room, first-come, first-seated. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A full schedule of programs for adults is available at the Oak Lawn Public Library Community Information Centers, first floor. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



Big City Swing gives free dance lessons

There will be live music, swing dancing, and free dance instruction provided by Big City Swing (pictured) during "An Evening of Swing" Thursday, February 18th, from 6:30 - 11 p.m. at the Park West, 322 W. Armitage. Featured musical performers include The Vanguard Aces and The Chicago Jump Company. For more information call 312-744-3370.

Marist Speech Team Students Qualify for Sectionals

Students on the Marist High School Speech and Drama Team excelled as they qualified for sectional competition at the ISHA Regional Competition held at Thornridge High School on Saturday, February 6, 1999.

Senior Matt Bleacher, of Oak Lawn, placed first in Special Occasion Speaking, and Jim Potulny, also of Oak Lawn, was tournament champion in Radio Speaking.

Other winners included Chuck Lamphier, who placed second in both Extemporaneous and Impromptu Speaking and Kevin Cox and Brian Harper who were second in Dramatic Duet acting. Harper and Ken Schroeder placed third in Humorous Duet Acting.

A perfect cast for the "Perfect Wedding"

Chicago theatre leading lady Paula Scrofano heads the cast of the Chicago Premiere of Robin Hawdon's hilarious "Perfect Wedding," directed by David Mink, at Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park, running through March 7. "Perfect Wedding" is the first production of Drury Lane Theatre's 1999 Broadway series. The executive producer of Drury Lane Theatre is John R. Lazzara. The artistic director is Marc Robin.

"Perfect Wedding" hilariously combines the wit of British farce with the comedy of "Fawlty Towers." Set in a hotel, a soon-to-be-groom awakes the morning after his bachelor party with a mysterious girl sleeping in his bed, as his fiancée awaits at the door. "Perfect Wedding" is written by British playwright Robin Hawdon, author of one of Drury Lane's recent comedy hits, the sidesplitting "Don't Dress for Dinner" and di-

rected by David Mink, who has become synonymous with directing the comedies at Drury Lane Theatre.

Senior citizen discounts of \$2.00 off per person are available Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday matinees. Young adult tickets (12 years and younger) for show only are available for \$10.00. For single tickets and dinner/show reservations, call the box office at (708) 422-0404.

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able resource to families in our community."

Presentations are also offered by a children's grief specialist, a psychologist, and a counselor from the Barr-Harris Children's Grief Center. There is no charge for the program, but preregistration is required. The Heart Connection staff recommend that the program will be most beneficial if children wait three months after a loss before enrolling.

For more information about the Heart Connection, please call the Pastoral Care Department at 708/229-5480.



Heart Connection group facilitators Kathy Kanawa, R.N. and Debbie Poulos, R.N.

Heart Connection at Little Company helps children in grief

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers recently announced its next session of the Heart Connection, the hospital's children's grief program, beginning Monday, March 1, 1999 from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. The program, which assists children as they cope with the loss of a loved one, meets at the hospital for nine sessions.

The Heart Connection, which is geared specifically to children ages four to 16, but also provides support for parents and guardians who learn coping skills simultaneously. Children are di-

vided into age-specific groups to focus on talking, nurturing, play and healing through artistic expression. Program facilitators are volunteer professionals, some of whom are pediatric nurses, who are specially trained in helping children through the natural progression of grief.

"We are very proud of the fact that, since its inception in 1996, the Heart Connection has helped more than 219 kids and 138 families," commented Peg Schneider, program coordinator and hospital chaplain. "That shows the program is a valu-



Peg Schneider (left) comforts Julia Grant Black, a recent participant in "Living: When a Loved One has Died."

Little Company's "Living" offers hope to grief-stricken

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers recently announced its next session of "Living: When a Loved One has Died," the hospital's grief support program, on Wednesday, February 24, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The program, which assists adults as they cope with the loss of a loved one, meets at the hospital for six sessions.

"Living: When a Loved One has Died" provides a groups dynamic to help people understand their own personal grief. The groups consist of people who have

all experienced the loss of a child, parent, or spouse.

"There are times on our grief journey when we need a safe, accepting and nurturing environment," stated Peg Schneider, program coordinator and hospital chaplain. "This program provides those surroundings, and gives people the support they need to begin healing." For more information about the program or to register, please call the Pastoral Care Department at 708/229-5480. A donation of \$25.00 is asked of those who are able.

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Classes at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers

February 17 - 6:30 - 8 p.m., Fee: \$10 - Relaxation and Meditation Techniques - This program will teach you to relieve physical and mental stress. Learn progressive muscle relaxation, guided imagery, and breathing techniques to return to a balance state. You will receive a relaxation audio tape. Call 708-423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

February 18 - 10:30 - 12:30 p.m., Fee \$10 - Ups and Downs on Blood Pressure - This class is presented by a health educator and registered pharmacist. This program offers current information on hypertension, medication, nutrition, relaxation skills and weight control. Call 708-423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

February 18 - 7 - 9:30 p.m., Fee - \$10 - Baby Care - This class provides information to help you care for your baby with confidence, speed your postpartum recovery and ease your adjustment to becoming a new parent. Call 708/422-6200, extension 2229 to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital, 2800 W. 95th St.

February 23 - 7 - 9 p.m., No Fee - Having Your Baby at Little Company Tour - This one-session program is designed to show expectant parents, through tour and lecture, what will happen during birthing experience at Little Company. Adults only please. Call 708/422-6200, extension 2229 for information. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital, 2800 W. 95th St.

February 25, March 4 & 11 - 7 - 9:30 p.m., Fee \$50 - Birthing Basics - This three-session program provides basic education and childbirth skills for those preparing for childbirth, but are constrained by time. Call 708/229-5830 to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital, 2800 W. 95th St.

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Ongoing classes at Chicago Ridge

Body Composition Analysis - 9 - 11 a.m., Fee \$15 - This test calculates the amounts of fat and lean mass in your body. The analysis includes a plan for reaching your ideal mass level. Sessions are held, by appointment, on the first and third Friday of the month. Call 708-423-5774 to register.

Coronary Risk Profile - 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Fee - \$27 - This screening is offered on Wednesday mornings, by appointment. Screenings include body composition analysis and health risk appraisal. You will receive fasting instructions when you make your appointment. Call 708-423-5774 to register.

Blood Pressure Screenings - Held on Mondays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.; and Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. No charge.

Massage - Reduce stress, improve circulation, and increase flexibility through massage. Call 708-423-5774

for an appointment. Fee \$30 per 1/2 hour, \$45 per hour.

Ongoing Classes at Little Company

Hypnosis: Using the Mind to help the Body - Appointments are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hypnosis can give you a relaxing and peaceful sense as well as help you accomplish difficult tasks. It can become a powerful tool in changing that behavior or attitude that prevents you from doing what you would like. It can make the achievement of your goals easier. Key lifestyle areas such as smoking cessation, and stress or weight management are some of the applications of self hypnosis. Call 708-229-5830 for information. Fee - \$65/first visit, \$35/visit within one month.

Reflexology - Appointments are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Reflexology is the newest stress-relief program at Little Company. Reflexology relieves stress, induces deep relaxation, and improves circulation

throughout the body by stimulating the nerve endings in your feet through massage. Call 708-229-5830 for information. Fee - \$30/one half hour.

Therapeutic Massage - Treat yourself! Therapeutic

massage is a wonderful way to relieve stress. Certified massage therapists offer massage at Little Company by appointment on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Call 708-229-5830 for information. Fee-\$45/hour, \$30/one half hour.

Call for volunteers issued for 10th Anniversary MS Walk

When the 10th anniversary MS Walk takes place on Sunday, April 18, its success will depend not only on a projected 10,000 participants at 11 Northern Illinois sites, but on the attention to detail by volunteers who help the day run smoothly. Accordingly, the Chicago-Greater Illinois Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, is calling for volunteers to step forward to help in every aspect of the event.

The South Suburban route currently needs volunteers to assist the planning committee with details of the local walk which will start at Yankee Woods Forest Reserve in Oak Forest. Volunteers may help with securing sponsorship, organizing food and

entertainment, developing promotional ideas and assisting with logistics on the day of the event. The committee will meet monthly for about an hour and a half.

Prospective volunteers may learn details of the needs at the South Suburban route by calling route chairperson Sharon Miller at 708/429-0294 or Donna Rose, logistics manager, at the MS chapter at 312/922-8000, ext. 157. There are jobs for everyone in support of the event which benefits MS research and programs offered to the 11,000 men and women in northern and central Illinois who have the disease of the central nervous system. Every little bit will help!



Christ Hospital appoints new auxiliary officers

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, recently appointed its 1999 auxiliary officers. The auxiliary supports Christ Hospital through various fund raising events, including Salute '99, Epicurean Delight, a fashion show as well as a Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Pictured from left to right: Coletta Neuens, chief executive, Christ Hospital, is on hand as Robert Kuenster, past president and first male president of the Christ Hospital auxiliary, passes the gavel to Pat Vlasis, auxiliary president for 1999. Kuenster will serve again as president in 2000.

"Take Charge" urges women to reduce risks for heart disease and stroke

Each February, during American Heart Month, the American Heart Association launches nationwide educational campaign about cardiovascular diseases. For February 1999, the special call to action for women is "Take Charge!" In delivering this message, the American Heart Association seeks to encourage women to learn the risk factors for heart disease and stroke and take action to eliminate all modifiable risk factors from their lives.

"Take Charge" also addresses another special message for American Heart Month 1999 - the American Heart Association's growing concern about the importance to cardiovascular health of patient compliance with prescription instructions, medical instructions and doctor directives. The failure of patients to follow such guidance is one of the most prevalent

problems in health care, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths each year, increased hospitalizations and delayed recovery from illnesses. Noncompliance also drains the nation of \$76 billion annually in unnecessary medical costs and lost national productivity.

The American Heart Association says because women play a central role in family health decisions, they have a unique opportunity to increase compliance and thus enhance the health and well being of themselves, their families and other loved ones.

Coronary heart disease is the No. 1 killer of females in America today. Stroke is the third leading cause of death for females, behind heart disease and cancer, and a leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

Cardiovascular diseases claim more than 505,000 female lives every year - more than the next 16 causes of

death combined and almost twice the number of deaths caused by all forms of cancer. Yet alarmingly, only 8 percent of American women recognize cardiovascular disease as a serious health threat.

Women can reduce their risks of heart disease as well as stroke by not smoking, controlling their cholesterol levels, controlling high blood pressure, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight and drinking alcohol only in moderation (one drink per day). Studies also show that after menopause, hormone replacement therapy may help reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke.

For more information about the American Heart Month activities in your area or to learn more about the prevention of heart attack and stroke, call 312/346-4675 or look on-line at www.americanheart.org

Clinical trails help patients fight against "brain attack"

Stroke or "brain attack" is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. When a stroke occurs, blood flow to the brain is cut off. Several things can cause this to happen, including hypertension, a vascular blockage or a hemorrhage, with temporary or lasting damage to brain tissue. This damage can occur within four to six minutes after oxygen is cut off from these brain cells. Even when a stroke victim survives, the extensive damage to brain cells can leave him/her severely debilitated. That is, unless the brain damage is curtailed by new drugs that are being tested at Christ Hospital and Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

The hospital's department of neurology is the first in the area to participate in two very exciting drug trials in an effort to prevent the damage that can occur during a stroke. "Think of a circle," said Melvin Wichter, M.D., chairman and program director of Christ Hospital's department of neurology. "That's the core of the stroke. Draw another circle around the core and you can picture very viable brain

cells. We can save these cells if we block the cascade of reactions that occur in the first hours of a stroke."

If a patient comes to Christ Hospital within six hours of the onset of symptoms, a glycine antagonist can be given by IV injection. Available through the Gain Americas Trial, and sponsored by Research Triangle Park, north Carolina-based Glaxo Wellcome, this drug is intended to block glycine participation in a cascade of negative reactions among brain cells during a stroke, such as calcium entry into cells, etc. Another trial, sponsored by Lexington, Mass.-based Interneuron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., began last month with citicholine. Taken in pill form, this drug has a 24-hour window from the onset of stroke symptoms. Again, the intention with this drug is to protect neurons from dying, protect membranes.

"These drug trials differ from the traditional treatment which is to offer clot-busting medications within three hours of the onset of symptoms," said Dr. Wichter. BY participating in

the drug trials, Christ Hospital is able to offer preventive treatment to stroke patients at the three-hour, six-hour and 24-hour windows.

As effective as these drugs are in saving brain cells, Dr. Wichter advises that they cannot be administered unless the stroke patient knows exactly when his/her stroke symptoms began. That is why it is important to know the following signs of a stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding speech.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

"If you see or have one or more of these symptoms, call 911 or have someone take you to the closest emergency department right away," Dr. Wichter advised. "Treatment is always most effective when given immediately."



Free weights are a welcome addition.

Fitness center expansion complete with free weights

The Oak Lawn Park District Community Pavilion, 9400 S. Oak Park Avenue, has recently doubled the size of their fitness center with the addition of new fitness machines and free weights by "Cybex" weight center, renowned for durability, ease of use, maximum comfort and attractive design. Ranging in increments of 5 lbs. through 100 lbs., the new free weights are utilized by teens, adults and senior citizens alike. In addition to zinc-plated dumbbells, the weight center houses an 80 degree adjustable flat bench, decline bench, power cage station, twin tier dumbbell rack and matted flooring.

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Little Company offers help to those living with cancer

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will offer "I Can Cope," a free program for people with cancer, their families and friends. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "I Can Cope" emphasizes open communication, support and education on six consecutive Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning March 1 through April 5 at the Little Company of Mary Health Education Center at Chicago Ridge Mall.

All sessions are led by health care professionals from Little Company. Physicians, nurses, dietitians, social workers, and chaplains are all involved to provide guidance and information to the participants who attend.

The program offers information for people living with cancer to help them gain control of their lives and health as well as reduce anxiety associated with the unknown.

There is no fee for the program; however, registration is requested. To register, call 708/229-5700.

"8 Weeks to Optimum Health" at the Cancer Support Center

The Cancer Support Center, 2028 Elm Road in Homewood, is starting a new program, *8 Weeks to Optimum Health*, based on the book by Dr. Andrew Weil. The sessions, which cover one chapter of the book each week, are held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

The course deals with nutrition and vitamin support, physical activity, mind/body and spiritual connections, meditation and special techniques which improve physical health and the quality of life.

Facilitated by Dr. Michael Williams, *8 Weeks to Optimum Health* is offered as a drop-in course (no registration required) and is free of charge. The 12-week course runs continuously and has been running since January. The course will start from the beginning in the first week of April.

For more information call the Cancer Support Center at 708-798-9171



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Growth in service and financial sectors predicted for Illinois

Uneven growth is forecast for the Illinois Economy in 1999, University of Illinois economists say in their annual outlook.

Propelled by strong consumer spending, expansion will be concentrated in services and financial sectors, a report by the U. of I. Institute of Government and Public Affairs predicted. Because the service sector now dominates the state economy, growth in this field will keep the economy expanding at a steady inflation-adjusted rate of about two percent.

Aiding the state's modest growth in 1999 will be the stock market, whose surprising rebound since October has added to the wealth of many Illinois citizens. So long as the financial markets do not undergo wild price swings or last summer's free fall, the improvement in stock valuations will spur consumer spending.

There are two trouble spots. Illinois manufacturing is expected to contract in 1999, though not as sharply as elsewhere in the United

States. Furthermore, the flood of foreign imports arising from Asia's economic woes "will reduce sales and limit price increases for Illinois companies," Robert W. Resek, chief author of the U. of I. report, said.

Resek credited Illinois companies with a quick response to the Asian crisis. By reducing their inventory and taking immediate write-downs of any business losses, many corporations will ride out the expected manufacturing doldrums this year. As a result, overall manufacturing employment in the state will drop by only one percent this year, Resek predicted.

"A second problem that started abroad is the low price for agricultural commodities," the report noted. "While these prices will hurt profits of Illinois farmers, productivity remains great and there will be little or no impact on total farm activity in 1999."

The state government will end the 1990s in far better financial shape than it began the decade, according to U.

of I. Economists J. Fred Giertz and Therese J. McGuire.

"Jim Edgar has left the governorship with the state fiscal condition arguable the best in history," Giertz and McGuire wrote.

Even though tax revenues are coming in at a slower rate this year as compared to 1998, the economists still predict a healthy \$1.2 billion general funds balance when the 1999 fiscal year ends June 30.

Illinois was in the middle of a recession and state tax revenues were far short of expectations when Gov. Edgar took office eight years ago. For most of his first term, Edgar walked the tightrope of managing "a huge overhand of unpaid state bills" without resorting to a major tax increase. The state's current budget surplus reflects both a buoyant state of the regional

economy and "strong fiscal discipline exercised by the governor and General Assembly," Giertz and McGuire concluded.



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Adoptive parent retreat

Evangelical Child and Family Agency (ECFA) will hold its annual adoptive parent retreat on March 19-21, 1999. The retreat, titled "On Becoming an Adoptive Family: Forming Attachments," will be held at Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan, Wisconsin. All adoptive parents are welcome to attend.

The retreat will include fellowship with other adoptive parents, a Saturday evening banquet, and a Sunday breakfast and worship service.

ECFA, a 48 year old community service agency, has its corporate offices in Wheaton, IL. The agency also has offices in Chicago, Evergreen Park and Wisconsin.

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The ultimate interactive adventure DisneyQuest

by Annette Dixon

Ducks Pinball Slam, Invasion, An Extra Terrestrial

In June of 1998, Disney Alien Encounter, opened its doors in Downtown Disney Walt Disney World and gave us the first AstroBlasters. Lastly, we concept of interactive adventure. There are animated 3D rides in Disney, but the new entertainment field every room.

that Disney has for The establishment of DisneyQuest is not only unique, but futuristic.

As visitors to Disney World in Florida, it brought us enjoyment and amusement, but DisneyQuest brought us to a challenge in four different ways.

There are four distinct worlds of entertainment: the explore zone, score zone, create zone, and replay zone. All these zones engaged us in computer operated devices. It amused us with watching the excitement of others. We participated in all of the simulated experiences including the Virtual Jungle Cruise, Hercules in the underworld, Ride the Comix II, Mighty

Street, corner of Ohio and Rush Street, where a DisneyQuest Chicago is being built.

The scheduled opening will be in the spring of '99 and we are looking forward to the exciting grand opening in order to conquer our foes in our adventures into 3D cyberspace.



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Walt Disney's new theme park Animal Kingdom

by Annette Dixon

Disney's new 1998 Animal Kingdom surpasses all Disney's Theme Parks in Disney World, Florida. The explanation for pure enjoyment would be to not only ride the Kilimanjaro Safaris, but to explore the Pangani Forest Trails. In Africa, a Disney village, you will encounter the Safari Village, which at the center is the Tree of Life, a 140 foot tree with hand carved images of over 325 animals in the roots, trunk and branch of the tree.

The free roaming animals which I saw are unlike the stories in which I heard. Our day started at 9:39 am, yet the park opened at 8:00 am. On the Safari ride, we saw

elephants, giraffes, hippos, zebras, rhinos, gorillas, cheetahs, crocodiles, alligators, lions, tigers and elk, deer and all the unpredictable creatures of the wild in a 110 acre jungle.

Relatives who live in Clairmont told me they have season passes and walk often in the park but rarely see animals in the open as we saw the day of January 22nd. My dream was to be in Africa on a Safari and this was the closest that I could come to that dream.

A must to see is It's tough to be a Bug, an animated film on what you would feel like if you were a bug being swatted, sprayed, etc.

Dinoland USA has a ride called Countdown to Extinction and also houses a fossil

preparation lab. McDonald sponsored graduate students and paleontologists to work in a glass lab for visitors to watch as they clean and prepare the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton.

The skeleton is given in pieces for students and paleontologists at Disney to work on for hours and help with the preparation for the display at Field Museum in Chicago. With the cooperation of the Chicago Field Museum and sponsors such as McDonald and Disney, the 44 ft. long Tyrannosaurus rex will be on display at the museum and a cast will be made for Disney and its Theme park sometime in 99.

Travel to the conservation station where you take the

Wildlife Express and meet the animals and the people who care for them. Late March the Asian village will take place with Asian culture and you will be able to explore Anandapur Royal Forest and hunting lodge, the home to exotic creatures such as the giant fruit bat, tiger, and colorful Asian birds. Wander through the gardens where you may encounter Komodo dragon and tapir.

Also a thrilling white water adventure is in store for the visitor in late March of 99. Check for more information on internet www.waltdisneythemeparks.com or <http://disney.com>.



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Winter Activities

February 18 - 12 p.m. - The Beverly South Christian Women's Club cordially invites everyone to the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, for a luncheon. Roger Cross, President of Youth for Christ will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$9, all inclusive. Free "on the premises" child care is provided with advance reservations. Call Marcella at 708-430-5062 for reservations.

February 18 - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - What does your handwriting say about you? Come to the Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W. 79th Street, for a free demonstration and find out. Bill Hellstrom, a handwriting analyst, will demonstrate how to analyze handwriting and reveal personality traits in individuals.

February 20 - 9 a.m. - McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255 & Auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. will be holding it's monthly Flea Market. Table rentals is \$10 each, door fee 25¢. For information call Pat at 708-636-3220.

February 21 - 6:30 p.m. - The February meeting of H.O.P.E. will take place in the Friendship Room of St. Linus Rectory at 10300 S. Lawler. Entertainment for the evening will be The Buddy Reed Show.

February 24 - 7 p.m. - "How to Realize Your Retirement Dreams: Mistakes to Avoid When Planning Your Future" will be the topic of a seminar held at the Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Orland Park office, 15020 Ravinia Drive, Suite 29, Orland Park. Admission is free, but please call for reservations since seating is limited. To register for this seminar call Sharon at (708) 481-0548 or (800) 488-7440.

February 24 - 6 p.m. - Tinley Park/Joliet Chapter of the United Polka Association Meeting will take place at the American Legion Post #615 located at 17423 S. 67th Court in Tinley Park. Musical entertainment after the meeting will be provided by Stas Bulanda and Dyno Chicago. For further information please call 708/361-4837.

February 25 - 9:15 a.m. - The Oak Lawn Garden Club

will hold it's February meeting at 4625 W. 110th St., room 9. The speaker will be Carolyn Ulrich, who is an authority on English gardens. She will give a slide presentation on "Great Garden of England." For more information call Marge Clinkman at 708/424-4846.

February 25 - 28 - "Sorrows of Stephen," a romantic comedy play. Presented by the Philip Lynch Theatre at Lewis University. Evening performances at 8 p.m. Sunday performances at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$9. Student and senior citizens \$8. For tickets call 815/836-5500, Monday through Friday 1 - 4:30 p.m. The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

February 26 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department will offer a mystery destination trip on a coach bus, which will include lunch. The fee for residents is \$30.00, nonresidents is \$35.00. Register now at the park department. For information call 430-4500.

February 28 - Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 Harlem Ave., Palos Heights, will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, February 28. Sunday morning worship is at 8:45 and 11 a.m., with Adult Bible Study and Choir at 9:45 a.m., and Church School at 11 a.m. All are cordially invited.

March 3 - 6:30 p.m. - Dr. Julie Schneider, Assistant Professor of Neurology and Neuropathology at Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center will speak at a free seminar on caring for Alzheimer's. This free education seminar is being hosted by Brighton Gardens of Orland Park, located at 14500 LaGrange Road, a new assisted living community with a Special Care Center for people with Alzheimer's and related memory disorders. Call 708/403-2001 to attend or for more information.

March 4 - 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Rest Haven Central, 13259 S. Central Ave., will be holding a Alzheimer's Meeting for

family members and caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. The film "A Dutiful Daughter" will be shown. Refreshments will also be provided. Please park in rear, and use back entrance. For more information please contact Mary Smith L.P.N. at 708-597-1000.

March 6 & 7 - A Bake Sale is being sponsored by St. Rene Goupil Church Altar & Rosary Society in the narthex of the church located at New England Avenue and 64th Street after all the Masses.

March 17 - Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St., hosts St. Patrick's Day at the Milk Pail. Join the group leaving the Community Center for a fun-filled day-lunch/show - The St. Pat's Revue! Deluxe coach bus leaves at 9 a.m. Cost \$32. Tickets are available at the above address.

March 20 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA is sponsoring a Spring Arts and Crafts Fair at the high school located at 94th and Southwest Highway.

March 27 - 12 - 6 p.m. - McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255 and Auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue, will be hosting an "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale and drawing for an Easter Dinner Ham Raffle. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 children 6 to 12 years, 5 years and under free. For details call 1-708-636-3220.

July 23 - 23 - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Onelda Casino & Bingo Palace in Green Bay - Make your reservations now to join the Office of Citizens' Services group for a two-day trip. Deluxe coach bus departs from the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park at approximately 8 a.m. and returning approximately 8 p.m. In addition to the two sessions, there will be plenty of time to enjoy the indoor heated pool, whirlpool and sauna at the Radisson. Cost is \$190/person (dbl.) with rebate of \$110 in casino chips and food coupon book.

Reservations accepted at Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street.

Speakers sought for Library Speakers Bureau

Willing to share your expertise? The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, seeks amateur and professional speakers who would like to participate in the Library's Speakers Bureau Service, an outreach program that has linked speakers and community groups since 1993. Interested speakers may contact the Public Relations Office to request a sign up form.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Speakers Bureau Service offers a wide variety of topics for audiences of all ages. Clubs and organizations who are looking for speakers may contact the

Public Relations Office to request a Speakers Bureau Service List. The library compiles the list but does not act as an agent for any of the participants who may or may not charge a fee. All speaking arrangements and financial agreements must be made between the speaker and the hiring group. Speakers are added to the list as they are submitted. The entire Speakers Bureau Service List is reviewed and revised every two years.

To get a copy of the list or find out how you can be included on the list, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



"Images of Women in Advertising" opens at museum

"Images of Women in Advertising," the first-ever, 100 year retrospective of the female image in American advertising to visit Chicago, recently opened at the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago under the sponsorship of Bozell Worldwide Chicago. The interactive exhibit is comprised of 550 of the most memorable and significant advertising pieces, and offers a unique vantage point of how women have been portrayed during various eras of this century. On hand for the Chicago premiere were (from left) Tom Hayden, executive vice president and general manager, Bozell Worldwide Chicago; Corbie Gregory, Jessie Newman and Theresa Monloch; models, Susanne's A-Plus Talent; and Joyce DuMont, founder and president, Museum of Broadcast Communications.

Junior Girls' Unit has inspection

The Junior Girls' Unit to the McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255 Ladies Auxiliary located at 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, had an inspection of it's unit done by 3rd District Junior Girls Chairperson, Diane Pencak at the Unit's monthly meeting.

On hand for the inspection was the Junior Unit President, Jennifer Kinchoff, Advisory Chairman, Carla Kirkland, Advisory Council Members, Fran Roche and Maryann McCool.

The Junior Unit help the auxiliary with hospital volunteer work and Buddy Poppy Sales, march in various parades, participated in Veterans Day Services and assist with working to help veterans and their families. These young ladies work very hard to meet their goals. Anyone interested in learning more about the Junior Unit, call your local V.F.W. post.

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Presenters for the clinic include baseball coaching staff from De La Salle, Mt.

Carmel High School, St. Rita High School and Marist High School. Topics for the day include outfield mechanics and drills, hitting mechanics and drills, pitching, catching, improving arm strength and accuracy, infield drills and base running, as well as question and answer sessions and coaches' theory meetings.

The cost for the clinic is \$6 per person and includes lunch. For more information, please contact Mark Smith, president of the Evergreen Park Athletic Association, 708-636-9531.



Wally Bulfin holds a winning ticket from the United Way raffle drawing. Pictured with Wally is Grace O'Connor, Executive Secretary for the Oak Lawn Area United Way.

United Way names raffle winners

Recently, the Oak Lawn Area United Way held a raffle to raise funds to benefit the agencies serviced through United Way in the South Suburbs.

Winners were Patti Sheehy of Oak Lawn who won the first prize of a set of Beanie Baby Bears, second prize went to Mame Hayward of Oak Lawn who won an Entertainment '99 book.

The Oak Lawn Area United Way services agencies such as Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Evergreen Park Teen Club, Garden Center for the Handicapped, Plows Council on Aging and 17 other agencies serving the Southwest Suburban Area.

For more information on the Oak Lawn Area United Way, to make a donation or to volunteer, please call 708/422-6603.

Oak Lawn Park District hosting one day trips

The Oak Lawn Park District is now accepting registration for a number of one-day trips offered to children and adults of all ages. All trips include transportation and depart from the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th Street or the Community Pavilion, 94th and Oak Park Avenue. Call Chris at 708/957-220 for information and availability.

Jurys Irish Cabaret & White Fence Farm - Take a ride with the park district to the "White Fence Farm" in Joliet on Sunday, March 7 for your choice of a chicken, shrimp or fish lunch. Then head to the Rialto Theatre for a special show featuring - "Jurys Irish Cabaret." This is bound to be a day that will get you in the St. Patrick's Day spirit. Motorcoach bus is included and the day's events run from 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$62.00/resident or \$81.00/non-resident.

Eli's Cheesecake World Tour - Tour Eli's Cheesecake World and visit "Eli's the Place for Steak" for a complete Eli's experience on Monday, February 22 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tour the new 62,000 sq. ft. bakery and see Chicago's favorite dessert being made at Eli's Cheesecake World. Then dine downtown in the heart of the Magnificent Mile at Eli's the Place for Steak, known for its outstanding steaks. Choice of London Broil, Broiled Whitefish or Calf's Liver Eli. Fee is \$38.00/resident or \$49.00/non-resident.

Valley's technology efforts into the next decade. Her administrative ability, technology background, and educational preparation make her an excellent addition to our staff," said John J. Daley, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of the college said, "Dr. Naimi is an experienced educator, administrator and technology expert."

Dr. Naimi is well prepared to lead Moraine Valley's technology efforts into the next decade. Her administrative ability, technology background, and educational preparation make her an excellent addition to our staff," said John J. Daley, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

New Vice President for Information Technology at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College has announced the appointment of Dr. Naimi as the new vice president for Information Technology at the college. Her appointment, effective Monday, February 15, was approved at its January 20 meeting of the college's Board of Trustees.

"Dr. Naimi is well prepared to lead Moraine



St. Francis now offers valet parking for patients

Carlos Sanchez and Al Barner

A trip to the hospital just became a little bit easier at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. The hospital now offers free valet parking to all patients and visitors.

"Our goal is to make registration, testing and the like a more convenient experience for our patients," said Mark Charles, director, Facilities and Safety. "Hopefully, outpatients and individuals being admitted and discharged will benefit."

Two employees will handle parking at the hospital's main entrance. Valet service is available from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Service may be extended in the future depending on the initial success of the program.

When patients use the service, they will receive a numbered ticket listing the valet parking phone extension. Patients can call the valets from any in-house telephone or may request that the department they visit contact the valets. A dedicated phone line, to be located in the lobby foyer, is expected to increase the convenience of the service.

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Martial Arts kick way into Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Park District is now accepting registration for martial arts classes to be held at the Menard Activity Center, 5800 W. 90th Street, from March 11 - May 13. Participants ages four through adult have the opportunity to learn Judo, Ju-Jitsu, Self Defense and Karate from professional instructors. Participants will be placed into a class specialized for their ability level. Classes are one hour long and held on Thursday evenings. Cost per session is \$45 for Oak Lawn residents and \$59 for non-residents. For more information call Shannon Lynch at 708/857-2420.

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Prior to joining MNB, Mike served as owner/president of Oak Lawn Financial (a mortgage brokerage firm).

Mangin is a graduate of Illinois Benedictine College and Oak Lawn High School. Mike is a past President of the Mortgage Brokers Association.

Professional artists needed for three-dimensional commission

Sam McGaw, executive director of the Capital Development Board, announced a state-wide open competition to select an artist for a large three-dimensional commission. The artwork will be wall-mounted and permanently displayed in the newly-renovated Simpkins Hall on the Macomb campus of Western Illinois University. This commission and selection is funded through the CDB Art-in-Architecture Program, which by law allocates one-half on one percent of the construction budget for the purchase of artwork for the facility. The Fine Arts Review Committee for this project will select one finalist from the competition for this \$19,000 commission.

All professional Illinois artists working in three-dimensional media such as ceramics, glass, fiber and sculpture will be considered. To be eligible, artists must live and work in Illinois. Students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees are not eligible. Illinois artists are invited to submit up to five slides which depict their current body of work. From the slides submitted, the Fine

Arts Review Committee will select one finalist for the commission. The selected finalist will then meet with the committee, review the commission site and later submit a design proposal for committee approval before proceeding with the commission.

Entries must be in slide form and contain actual dimensions, media, date of execution and price range or value. The last day to accept entries is March 12, 1999. Notification of the committee's selection will be sent in early April to all who submit. Slides submitted will remain on file with the Capital Development Board's Artist Registry and may be considered for other projects in the future.

Interested artists should send slide entries, as described above to: Capital Development Board, Art-in-Architecture Program, WIU-Simpkins Hall Competition, 3rd Floor, M. G. Stratton Building, 401 S. Spring Street, Springfield, IL 62706. For further information, contact George Atkinson at the above address, or by phone at 217/785-7823.

St. Bede will host St. Joseph Table and Dinner

St. Bede the Venerable Women's Guild will again host their annual St. Joseph Table and Dinner on Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall, 8300 S. Kostner Ave. The dinner will be catered at the price of \$7.00, and can be obtained after the masses or at the rectory between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. You may call the church at 773-582-9100 or Josephine, the chairman who has done such a magnificent job since its inception over 20 years ago, 708-599-8194, or Betty 708-424-4109.

As usual this is a fun night with the lovely Table, good friends, good food, a raffle and some great "Magical" entertainment.

AAA-CMC highlights new traffic safety legislation

Expanded crackdowns on driving without insurance of drugs, without auto insurance, as well as increased fines for disobeying police officers, firemen or school crossing guards are but a few of the new laws affecting Illinois residents in 1999.

The following are summaries of three new traffic safety laws, effective as of the first of the year.

1. Illinois expands its driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs legislation to include intoxicating compounds, targeting the growing abuse of inhalants. The new law closes a loophole in the previous DUI legislation and covers a myriad of chemical compounds (P.A. 90-799).

2. Motorist twice convicted of driving an uninsured motor vehicle will no longer be eligible for court supervision (P.A. 90-784).

Free 1999 Indiana Travel Guides available now

Travelers looking for information about Indiana attractions and events can get the 1999 Indiana Travel Guide by calling 1-800-469-4612. The new Indiana Travel Guide is a 128-page, full-color overview of the state, with information on attractions, entertainment, recreation, restaurants and lodging throughout Indiana.

Free vaccinations offered

The Chicago CareVan Program will offer free vaccinations for infants and young children from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 19 at Heritage Manor Banquet Hall located at 5540 S. Narragansett Ave.

No appointments are required, but parents must bring children's vaccination records.

3. Illinois residents will be subject to an increased fine (\$150) for the petty offense of willfully failing or refusing to comply with any lawful order or direction of a police officer, fireman or school crossing guard (P.A. 90-749).

Looking ahead to the spring session of the legislature, many safety organizations will be targeting more traffic safety initiatives. Among these proposals are:

- Allowing police to pull over motorists solely for not wearing a safety belt.

- Suspending the driver's license of any motorist refusing to take a field sobriety test.

- Making a conviction for operating a boat or snowmobile under the influence of drugs or alcohol count as a DUI conviction, if the motorist is later convicted of DUI.

Cong. Lipinski announces plans for "All American Boy and Girl Program"

Rep. Bill Lipinski is sponsoring the 31st Annual All-American Boy and Girl program, to recognize exemplary young men and women in the Third Congressional District.

"I developed this program in the late 1960's to applaud young men and women who get involved in their community as well as excel in the classroom," said Lipinski.

The program is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who live or attend school in the Third Congressional District. The competition is a twofold program consisting of an initial application due to one of Rep. Lipinski's offices by March 1, and then interviews with a panel of

judges scheduled for the week of March 8.

The program concludes with an awards ceremony on March 12, at the Mayfield Banquet Hall in Chicago. The three finalists in each of the four categories will receive plaques and first and second place winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds of \$100 and \$50.

Students can obtain an application at school or pick one up at the Congressman's offices located at 5832 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, and 5239 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. For further information, please contact Tom Carney in Rep. Lipinski's office at (312) 886-0481.

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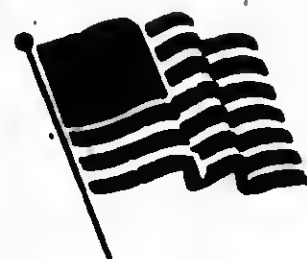
State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) talks with Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Chairman Sen. Dave Syverson (R-Rockford) about her appointment as Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Senior Health Issues.

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Palos Heights Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

It looks as though Palos Heights residents can look forward to a new police station as early as March 1, 2000. Alderman approved payments of \$36,000 and \$21,855 to Craig Podalak and Associates for architec-

tural services. The plans are for a two-story, 15,000 square foot facility with a basement to be built just west of the entrance to the current police station. The new station will cost between \$1.7 and \$2.5 million.

The city council passed an ordinance formalizing the

annexation of the former army housing base located at 6300 W. College Drive. The property fell into the category of unincorporated and Palos Heights was the only contiguous municipality. The ordinance according to the City Clerk Marsha Fisher was necessary to make it a

matter of public record.

Alderman Frank Passarelli asked for more attention to be paid to the old part of town. He said a survey should be taken to see if they want sewers, curbs, and sidewalks. He also wants to see what available funds there are to provide this for the residents.

"Funds" is the organization whose mission is to support the Lake Katherine Na-

ture Preserve. In particular, this support is directed towards the Environmental Learning Center in its work of education and environmental awareness. The Friends of Lake Katherine meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. They run a gift shop, operate a wood shop to make exhibits and sponsor the "Spring Fling" rummage sale.

For people interested in gardening, join the Garden Club. For more information contact Pete Kamp at 361-0535.

In other events around town there will be a fund raiser for Jimmy Murphy on Saturday, February 20, 7 p.m. - 12 a.m., at St. Alexander Parish Center,

126th Street and 71st Avenue, Palos Heights.

Jimmy is the son of Jim Murphy, 2-Ward Alderman. He is a 13 year old resident of Palos Heights and a student at Independence Junior High. He was born with a rare form of hydrocephalus. Due to complications from this illness he has undergone 20 surgeries, ten which have taken place since July. Please help in any way you can by attending the benefit, purchasing raffle tickets, or volunteering. For more information call 448-0991.

The next city council meeting will be February 16.

Candidates vying for Mayor of Palos Park

by Carlene E. O'Connor

The following people are vying for the office of Mayor in Palos Park; each supporting a new form of government. These candidates are in the primary election which takes place on February 23, 1999 in the Village of Palos Park. The primary election is taking place due to the fact that there are three candidates with a new commission and there are only two for the general non partisan election, therefore one candidate will be eliminated. The tax payers are paying for this primary election.

Present Mayor Don Jeanes, who has been in office for the past four years compares his mayoral duties to those of running a business. He has volunteered his time to community projects and feels that many goals have been reached. He is seeking reelection to complete projects that have been started. Some of these include construction of a new village administration building and police department, which are desperately needed. The present office are very small.

There are water and sewer projects that are in the works west of LaGrange Road, that are scheduled for completion by the fall of 2000.

He also feels that its important for the village to annex areas to the west to protect open space. Jeanes also states the village has hired a new police chief who has some ideas for new programs to serve the residents better. He also believes that building a new police station would boost the morale of the police department. He feels that there are no issues for a mayor's race in his town, that he is the best candidate due to his experience as a mayor, as a business owner and also his service on the Palos Fire Protection District.

Opponent Jean Moran who has served on the Village Council for the past 8 years as Police Commissioner view elected office as public trust rather than a private business; accountability and service to the residents, not profit constitute the bottom line. The community projects and public works and public service projects are credited to the council as a whole. Moran is not happy with the direction of the Council and feels that changes need to be made to provide for open government so that residents and employees will feel free to say what they want and

have issues pursued. Moran feels that many people moved to Palos Park because they wanted to have plenty of open space. One of her main concerns is to maintain the open space by upholding strict zoning ordinances. "If people come into Palos Park to build, then they should conform to our zoning. It's a major concern to keep from destroying our community," she said. She hopes to obtain state and possible federal funding for the construction of a new police department which is desperately needed. We cannot lost allocations of state funding, which happened in 1998, when \$750,000 was lost due to lack of planning. Moran believes that she is the best candidate because she is an independent voice and will serve the residents with her experience in an accountable, responsible and respectable manner.

The third candidate seeking the office of mayor is Ann Domikaitis. She feels that she is the best candidate to initiate a change. She seems to see the other two candidates on the same parallel. In her opinion, they have both blocked changing the form of government and would not vote for a referendum on the ballot. Domikaitis feels that Palos Park need to enter the millennium with a new vision

all the diverse people of the village need to be represented. She states that the police department has a low morale and that there has been no modernization of government. She also feels that taxes are too high and the \$250 water use fee should be eliminated. There needs to be professional standards placed on the police department employees and that the dialogue between the mayor, police department and the council needs to be more efficient. She has audited the books and because of her there has already been a change for the better, even though she is not an elected official. "We shouldn't have to go after them to do the right thing, they should just do it," said Domikaitis.



Teresa Griffin, David Groebe, Kathryn Cargill

Palos Village Players open 1999 season

The Palos Village Players open their 1999 theater season with A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia," a romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog. Dog may be man's best friend but as the playwright points out, the man's wife may have a different opinion. In this production the husband and wife are played by real-life husband and wife Terese Griffin and David Groebe of Lemont. Sylvia, the dog who threatens their marital bliss, is portrayed by Palos Heights actress Kathryn Cargill. Also in the cast are Don Murphy of Crestwood, Toni Bishop of Orland Park, and Joan Rose of Palos Park. Lori Nussle of Palos Park is the director and Peg Crawford of Oak Lawn is the show's producer.

"Sylvia" will be presented at 8 p.m. February 26 and 27, March 5 and 6, and at 2 p.m. February 28 in the Palos South Middle School, 8201 W. 131 Street, Orland Park. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. There is a \$1 discount for advance purchase. Call (708) 479-3262 or (815) 723-9105.

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Evergreen Park discuss plans for 95th street businesses

By Jude Coyle

Village Clerk James Sexton presided over another public meeting concerning the Comprehensive Land Use Program. John Houseal and Phil Hanegraaf of Trkla, Pettigrew, Allen & Payne, Inc. used a chart to illustrate their plans and answered questions about bringing business to Evergreen Park. Most of 95th Street is lined with small businesses. Unfortunately as businesses are leaving, others are not taking their places. As Mr. Hanegraaf explained, most modern businesses avoid this area because the lots are not large enough to house an Office Depot or Aldi Foods. Compromises have to be made and lot sizes have to be increased. Residents expressed concerns about being forced out of their homes. Mr. Hanegraaf said that the comprehensive plan their company designed outlines the use of contractors to bargain for property in order to give residents the best prices. Plans can still be changed or modified to suit all concerned. Residents expressed their wishes not to lose the charm or character of the area. The men agreed that this should figure into the plans.

Mr. Sexton called an end to the public hearing and began the regular board meeting at 7:45 p.m. He called the roll. Trustees Carol F. Kyle, Jerome J. Bosch, Norbert F. Smith, Mary G. Murphy, Mark Marzullo and Anthony P. Yulich were present. Mayor Anthony Vacco and Attorney Vincent Cainkar were not. Trustee Marzullo was

elected to act as Mayor Pro Temp.

Mr. Marzullo opened the meeting by declaring a public forum to discuss the Cook County Block Grant Program. This is a matching funds program, meaning that the village must match what they receive from the county. First, the village is asking for improvements to the land purchased from Evergreen Cemetery. They are requesting \$90,000 to build a concession stand, wash rooms, and bike paths. The second plan asks the county provide \$112,500 for improvements to the alleys between 93rd and 91st.

The board approved pay outs from the General Corporate Fund for \$632,377.11, and from the Sewer and Water Fund for \$96,940.66. The Village Treasurer's Report for January listed the balance of the General Corporate Fund at \$3,185,991.00 and \$1,179,522.00 for the Sewer and Water Fund.

Next the board voted on business regulation certificates. Chicago Motion Masters, located in the plaza, was turned down. This had been tabled until the fire chief could inspect the location. It is a virtual reality amusement ride that would sit outside of Carsons. The fire chief, police chief and building inspector felt that the ingress and egress were not suitable, and that the mall needed to be sprinkled first.

Dr. Stanley A. Polit, M.D. of 2850 W. 95th Street was approved. The license request for Southside Decking and Snow Removal of 8851 California was tabled until

someone from the company could answer questions. Fashion Sense, a ladies' apparel store, at 2508 W. 94th Street was approved. Repp Big and Tall, an apparel store for men, is relocating inside the mall. The request for a license was approved. The license for Happy Temps of 9318 S. Kedzie, a temporary help agency, was approved. A weight loss clinic, Fit America of 9730 S. Western, was approved.

The board passed a resolution authorizing the mayor and the clerk to execute the Cook County Block Grant Applications. Another resolution authorized the execution of an intergovernmental agreement for the South Suburban Major Crime Task Force. This allows the police to draw on expertise from other departments when a major crime is committed.

Engineer Robert Boehm reported that he is preparing an application for a Block Grant for the retention basin in 96th and Washtinaw in the amount of \$50,000. He also reported that the village is finishing the street repaving around Kline Park. Howard Selke asked about the sinking manhole covers on 91st Street between California and the tracks. Mr. Boehm said that he would look into it.

Bids were discussed concerning a copy machine for the Building Department. The Fire Department is taking the only copy machine to their new location. Mr. Patterson checked into the price of three and recommended a Lanier for \$4,740, this comes with developers, drums and a one year service agreement. This was voted on and approved.

Last, the Building Department has received work from the plaza concerning street scraping on the 9500 block of S. Campbell. Plaza officials are eager to work with the village and the residents. The village's part of the project comes to \$2,050.

Oak Lawn board of trustees held recent meeting

By: F.J. Soczek

A new record for meeting brevity appears to have been set Tuesday night as the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees adjourned after 15 minutes of business discussion.

Village Clerk Jayne Powers administered Oaths of Office to new police officers Tina Knepper and Michael Quinn, along with Police and Fire Commissioner Bill Egan.

Trustee Wm. Keane used his allocated "New Business" time to announce a bank clock had been malfunctioning for two weeks and "must need a new battery."

Trustee Ron Stancik departed from his usual adversary (Commonwealth Edison) and tilted at the U.S. Postal Service for what he perceived as inadequate service for residents along the Central Ave. construction route.

Trustee Marjorie Joy announced an Educational Summit meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the evening of March 30th.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum noted Christ Hospital was rated in the top 100 hospitals in the nation and among the top 7 in Illinois, praising in particular the exemplary accomplishments of the Hope Children's Hospital.

Trustees Jerry Hurdles and Robt. Streit remained reticent regarding their respective districts.

Acting on a glowing recommendation from the Public Works Department, the Board unanimously agreed to extend a sidewalk and curb contract held by Crescent Cement Contractors of Palos Heights.

Noting "exceptional service and quality work for over six years," formal competitive bidding procedures prescribed by law were waived and a modest 6% rate increase was allowed to cover an increased cost of redi-mix concrete material.

A \$195,000. contract to purchase the building and property at 5102 W. 95th St., currently housing Cleo's Boutique was unanimously approved by the Board.

To date, \$350,000. has been spent for the medical building next door at 5100 W. 95th St; \$135,000. for residential property at 9429 S. Tulley; \$110,000. for a home at 9437 S. 51st Ave. and \$190,000. for a home at 9445 S. 51st Ave.

The above Village acquisitions were made to increase the capacity of the commuter parking lot.

An ordinance amending the number of private scavenger licenses which can be issued in the Village was unanimously approved. The issuance of a permit to Land and Lakes Co. of Park Ridge brings the number to 10 such companies allowed to operate in the Village.

The Board and Mayor unanimously approved an amendment to the 1998 Village budget to cover a \$27,000. debt service payment on the 1998 general obligation bond.

Voter registration continues at the Village Clerk's office Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the April 13th election is March 15th.

High School Intramural Basketball at Bridgeview

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, is accepting registration through March 10 for its High School Intramural Basketball League which begins Sunday, March 14 at 9 a.m.

The cost for the seven week program is \$30 for residents and \$35 for all others. Students from Argo and Stagg High Schools will pay the discounted fee of \$25 if they show their current school ID at the time of registration.

Preregistration by a parent or legal guardian in person and proof of residency is required.

This intramural league is for girls and boys who enjoy the game of basketball and want to play for fun and competition. Everyone will have the opportunity to play.

A league supervisor will be on duty, but youth will referee their own games and keep their own scores.

For more information call (708) 594-1818.

Jr. High Gym Night planned at Bridgeview

A Rec'n Roll Open Gym Night will be held for 7th and 8th graders at Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, on Friday, March 19 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The fee for this event is \$3 per student and includes an evening of basketball and a pizza snack.

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Interview with the winners from the Palos Park primary

by Carlene E. O'Connor

In the Palos Park Primary election on Tuesday, February 23, unofficial vote totals showed incumbent Mayor Donald Jeanes with 607 votes, Jean Moran with 253 votes and Ann Domikaitis with 243 votes.

Jeanes and Moran will run for the April 13 election.

Mayor Donald Jeanes was contacted at his home and says, "he is very happy with the results. He feels it shows confidence in his ability and the residents want him to continue."

"Jeanes complemented his staff and volunteers for helping him in his victory. Some of the plans Jeanes hopes to continue are the water and sewer project for the year 2000. He also plans on building a new village hall and police station. The money for these projects would come from state funds."

The mayor thinks there is a need for more senior activities in his town and will look to use the existing village hall as a meeting place for them to have activities.

"Of the Palos Park Preservation Committee, he feels each candidate is an excellent choice and will keep to issues and do what is good for Palos Park"

Jean Moran said, in a prepared statement "I would like to thank the people of Palos Park. The voter turnout was very good for a primary with a single issue.

She went on to say, obviously I am very pleased to have made it through the primary. No one runs in an election to lose. There are many issues on which Don Jeanes and I agree. We did after all run together in the last election. Our differences and the devil are in the details. I am running as an independent voice, not as a voice who desires to shatter

the structure of the village. I believe we are in need of returning to more open government. Residents and elected officials should be as fully informed as possible concerning the business of the village. This is not a private business, but a public trust, and the public is entitled to the details."

Moran also wants a new police station if elected and a new administrative center. She says, "we need state funds/or federal funds to serve the people of Palos Park well in pursuing this necessary building."

Moran wants more activities for children and seniors in the community and feels the existing village hall would be an excellent place to do this.

Moran closed her statement by saying, "as we move forward into the next millennium, our challenge is prodigious and clear. We are charged with the task of retaining the rural nature of the village. These are the distinctive characteristics that drew most of us to the village in the first place. This means we must keep a vigilant eye on our zoning both internally, and in terms of annexation. Developers are circling our area like a red

tailed hawk. A third airport appears to be imminent in the near future. Aerial views show Palos Park to be plum ripe for the picking, smack in the middle of the corridor to that airport. We need more than ever to keep the Park in Palos Park. Our community, our village must be for the residents first, last, and always. We should never become another run of profit for developers."

Ann Domikaitis said, "she will not seek a recount, but will continue to fight for the change in government and may consider running for public office in the future. She also congratulated her opponents"

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Little Company Auxiliary hosts fashion show

Little Company of Mary Hospital's Auxiliary invites everyone to Reflections '99, their annual fund raising fashion show on March 23 at the Drury Lane Martinique Restaurant, 2500 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Last year's event attracted over 1,700 guests, and even more people are expected this year! Reflections '99 will feature an exciting panorama of models and fashions from various boutiques, shops, and designers. A children's fashion show will be a highlight of the evening. Many of the models will be

Pat Koning to speak at Lenten Coffee

"The Wounds of Jesus" is the topic of Pat Koning at the Lenten Coffee hosted by Calvin Christian Reformed Church of Oak Lawn's Coffee Break program on Tuesday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m. This interdenominational event will feature refreshments, songs, and scripture. At the same time the small children may enjoy a nursery for infants and Story Hour for Preschoolers.

Calvin Christian reformed Church is located at 10056 S. Central Avenue. For more information call (708) 422-0790.

Bridgeview hosts grand reopening for fitness center

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, invites interested persons to the grand reopening of their fitness center on Sunday, March 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Nine new pieces of weight equipment were recently purchased by the park district in an effort to update the fitness center.

Equipment demonstrations as well as giveaways will be the highlight of this special afternoon.

The Bridgeview Park District Fitness Center features a seated leg press, seated leg

representing community organizations, schools and churches, showing their support for the work of Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Proceeds from the event will go to help various programs and services at Little Company. Past events have helped provide new equipment for the Regional Cancer Center, establish a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, fund remodeling of the Adult Day Care Center, and purchase portable echocardiographic equipment for in-home visits.

Tickets for the event are \$45 per person. Reservations close on Tuesday, March 16. For tickets and further information, please call 708/229-5447.

curl, leg extension, chest press, shoulder press, lat pull down, arm extension, arm curl, abdominal crunch.

The fitness center also contains two treadmills, a computerized rower, a Lifecycle recumbent bike, and upright bike.

For more information and facility passes, call (708) 594-1818.

Sheriff advises parents to "Mind Your Kids' Business"

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan recently announced a new Internet safety program designed for parents who would like to more closely monitor their children's Internet usage.

"Mind Your Kids' Business" is a program designed to alert parents of the potential dangers their children face when using the Internet and how to safeguard against them. It covers a wide range of material, from the basics of the Internet to prevention strategies to examples of and information that are inappropriate for kids.

"The Internet can be a tremendous educational tool for children, but it can also be an extremely dangerous playground," Sheahan said. "This program is designed to arm parents with the necessary tools they need to protect their children."

For more information on "Mind Your Kids' Business," or to schedule a presentation, contact the Sheriff's Department of Youth Services at 708/865-2900, or visit the Sheriff's website at <http://www.cookcountysheriff.org>.



Something new at St. Bernadette School

St. Bernadette School is now accepting registrations for flexible 3-5 day Preschool for four year olds with the option of extended day beginning in August of 1999.

Registration is also being accepted for three year old preschool, full day kindergarten, and grades one through eight. The Extended Day Program is available to St. Bernadette students from four year old preschool through grade 8. Hours are 6:30 - 8:00 a.m., and from dismissal until 6:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call St. Bernadette School at 708-422-6429.

Social Security - Apply for retirement benefits by phone

By Rosalie Thompson
Social Security Field Office Manager

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Sheriff offers H.E.L.P. to local seniors

Representative from the Cook County Sheriff's Office will be visiting with seniors from Evergreen Park during March to offer important medical and personal information packets that can help seniors in the event of an emergency, according to Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

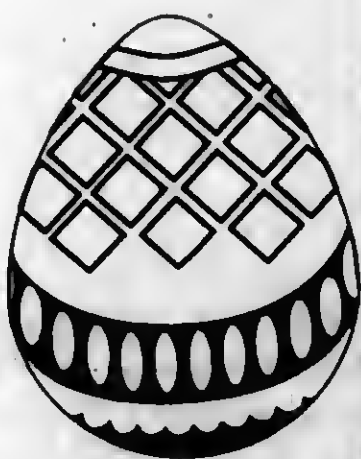
Seniors attending the meeting on Monday, March 8, 10:30 a.m., at Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza - Upper Level or on Saturday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at 4225 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn, will receive the "Helpful Emergency Life-saving Packet" (H.E.L.P.). This packet is an emergency information kit designed to help seniors consolidate medical data in one place so it can be found quickly in the event of an emergency.

The H.E.L.P. packet consists of two stickers and a plastic vial in which seniors put a completed health infor-

mation form. They then place the vial in their refrigerator and, to indicate participation in the program, put stickers on the door or window nearest the entrance of their home and on their refrigerator. Any emergency personnel responding to the home, such as a police officer or firefighter, will recognize the sticker and have access to the senior's personal and medical information.

"If a senior citizen becomes incapacitated in the event of an emergency in their home, access to their medical information and personal history can mean the difference between life and death. That is why this program is so important to the well being of our seniors," Sheriff Sheahan said.

For more information on this program, contact the Sheriff's Office of Community Services at (708) 974-6042.



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Psychic Predictions For All Signs. NumAstrology combines Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight. Initials can be first or last names.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Think before you act! The tendency is to try to do everything at the same time, causing you to make mistakes you ordinarily wouldn't make. L and C can help, ask! Try meditating too. A better deal is in the works for you.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If it's money you want, then stop to consider how much effort you will have to put into making more money. Money isn't everything! Be open to someone's suggestions. B & R aid. You can count on friends this week.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: It is said that one cannot serve "two masters." Well, you are being "expected to." Don't sign anything without reading every line! Someone F and someone in Leo help, ask! Health improves, and dispositions too.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Are you really all that "dependent?" No! You are about to embark into a personal endeavor that can make you biggee bucks! Think about letting your mate in on your plans. G aids. You have an excellent idea! Work on it.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Always remember that when you "can't," God and the Angels "can!" Don't be so stubborn, there are new ways to do old things and break old habits too. C helps. New Clothes are needed for a big occasion.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Your dreams are starting to make sense, and these are dreams are showing you future reality, perhaps. Make amends now with people you formerly disputed. B and J aid. Catch up on correspondence this week.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: No! Your life is not a mystery, it's reality! Enjoy it, do something to make your life fuller! You are not limited, and you have what it takes SMEP. Timing is important! C and V aid. A friend makes a mistake, forgive!

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: The answer is "Yes!", you can have it. The question is "when." Be ready to make new deals with people who know how to commit to an agreement and keep it! Stay cool! K aids. Remember, you "can!" Steady as she goes!

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Someone born in the signs of Scorpio, Libra and Taurus are about to enter your life to help you get to where you are going...finally!!! S aids. Take stock of what you have to wear! Make that great impact. Wealth follows!

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Brosnahan responds to governor's budget

On Wednesday, February 17, Governor George Ryan proposed a \$40.6 billion state budget for fiscal year 2000 to a joint session of the general Assembly.

Governor Ryan's budget address suggests a \$7.9 budget for education and job training an increase of \$536 million. The increase is composed of \$486 million in general funds and \$50 million in federal funds.

Also, a \$5.5 billion allotment for elementary and secondary education, an increase of \$342 million. Fifty million dollars in federal funds and \$10 million in general funds are budgeted to begin hiring the first of 10,000 new teachers for Illinois schools.

"I applaud Governor Ryan for keeping his campaign promise of dedicating 51% of all new revenue to education. With the additional money for education, our children will have every opportunity to excel into the 21st century," said Brosnahan.

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Governor Ryan's Budget proposal for transportation is \$1.59 billion for road, bridge and highway construction and a repair program for FY2000, an increase of \$34.5 million over the current year's effort.

"Many of my constituents have been calling my office in complaint, about the deteriorated streets and highways. The money for these road and highway repairs is long overdue," Brosnahan said I am glad Governor Ryan has addressed the problem and is willing to do something about it."

The budget also proposes a \$1.3 million fund for preliminary land banking at the site of the proposed third airport for Northeastern Illinois at Peotone.

"I am opposed to a state financed third airport in Peotone. There are great improvements being made at Midway and O'Hare airports right now, and these improvements will benefit the entire Chicagoland region," Brosnahan said.

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Mal Tallungan with his dog Juda

Canine demonstration for seniors

General Superintendent, Joseph Nevius, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, announced that a police officer from the Canine Division, will put on a demonstration for the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors, Thursday March 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the church, 9701 S. Brandt in Oak Lawn.

Erma Wagner, coordinator, announced that the officer will explain why and what the dogs are trained for, how obedience is taught and all other interesting aspects. The usual dogs of choice are the German Shepard and Rotweiler.

Monument fund drive nears \$20,000

Rising faster than the weather, the temperature on the Veterans Memorial Monument Fund drive thermometer nears the \$20,000 goal, as noted by Robert Zwolinski, Stickney township highway commissioner. Fifty thousand dollars is the goal of the campaign to provide funds to erect a new monument to veterans of all wars on the township site at 85th Street and State Road.

"We have been very encouraged and appreciative of the response to our efforts to date," said State Sen. Louis Viverito, township supervisor, who is spearheading the project, "and we hope that spirit will continue. It is important that we keep up the tempo of our drive so that we may have the monument completed in time for dedication next Veterans Day, Nov. 11." Viverito appealed for continued public support and asked that donations be sent to the Veterans Memorial fund, c/o Cole Taylor Bank, Attn: Sphila Parsi, 5501 W. 79th St., Burbank, IL 6053.

Letter to the Editor

The most frequent complaint of homeowners in Cook County is the unfair property tax assessment. As a former state representative and chief sponsor of model legislation reforming the Cook County tax appeal procedure, I want to encourage taxpayers to appeal their assessments. Last year thousands of Cook County taxpayers appealed their assessment and won a reduction in assessed value which can potentially translate into hundreds of dollars in savings each year.

Newly serving as the Cook County Commissioner of the Board of Review, I want to remind property owners in Bloom and Bremen Townships that they have until March 8th to appeal their property tax assessment at the Board of Review. For those of you who believe your property is unfairly assessed, there is something you can do about it. Just call our office at 312/603-3644 and we will send you an application or direct you to one of our suburban office locations. We're here to help.

Commissioner Maureen Murphy
Chairman-Cook County Board of Review



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Governor launches energy program

Gov. George H. Ryan announced that applications are now being accepted for nearly \$4 million in rebates and grants under the Renewable Energy Resources Program (RERP). RERP provides funds for projects designed to increase the utilization of innovative energy technologies.

"It is important that we continue to explore alternative sources of energy in the State of Illinois," Ryan said. "This investment in the development and use of renewable energy will reduce our dependence on more conventional power sources."

The program is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA). There is currently \$3.9 million available for rebates and grants. Projects including solar thermal energy and wind-generated energy are potential partners in the state's efforts to expand the use of renewable sources of energy.

To be eligible for the program, the applicant must be a customer of an investor owned gas or electric utility; a municipal gas or electric utility; or an electric coop-

erative that is assessed by the Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund. In addition to solar and wind energy projects, funding may be awarded to photovoltaic systems, dedicated crops grown for energy production, organic waste biomass and hydropower that does not involve new construction or significant expansion of hydropower dams.

Howard Learner, Executive Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, said exploring cleaner energy sources will result in a better environment and better health for Illinois citizens. "Renewable energy is reliable, safe, cost-effective and will be an increasingly important part of Illinois' competitive energy future," Learner added.

Rebates of up to \$5,000 are available for solar thermal energy and photovoltaic systems. Cost-sharing grants are available to eligible applicants for larger projects in accordance with program guidelines.

To request an application form or more information, please contact the DCCA's Bureau of Energy and Recycling at 217/785-2800.

Winter Activities

March 3 - 6:30 p.m. - Dr. Julie Schneider, Assistant Professor of Neurology and Neuropathology at Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center will speak at a free seminar on caring for Alzheimer's. This free education seminar is being hosted by Brighton Gardens of Orland Park, located at 14500 LaGrange Road, a new assisted living community with a Special Care Center for people with Alzheimer's and related memory disorders. Call 708/403-2001 to attend or for more information.

March 4 - 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Rest Haven Central, 13259 S. Central Ave., will be holding a **Alzheimer's Meeting** for family members and caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. The film "A Dutiful Daughter" will be shown. Refreshments will also be provided. Please park in rear, and use back entrance. For more information please contact Mary Smith L.P.N. at 708-597-1000.

March 6 & 7 - A Bake Sale is being sponsored by St. Rene Goupil Church Altar & Rosary Society in the narthex of the church located at New England Avenue and 64th Street after all the Masses.

March 13 - 9 a.m. - noon - The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian located at 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn, will hold their annual **Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale** (toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available). Absolutely no children/strollers are allowed until after 11 a.m. For more information you may call the church office at 708-599-4025.

March 17 - Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St., hosts St. Patrick's Day at the Milk Pail. Join the group leaving the Community Center for a fun-filled day-lunch/

show- **The St. Pat's Revue!** Deluxe coach bus leaves at 9 a.m. Cost \$32. Tickets are available at the above address.

March 18 - 9:15 a.m. - The Oak Lawn Senior Center has planned a trip to the **Chicago Flower and Garden Show** at Navy Pier. The coach will leave the Senior Center located at 5330 W. 95th Street. The cost is \$17.00 per person which includes the cost of the bus and admission to the show. For further information call 708-499-0240.

March 19 - 10 a.m. - The Senior Citizens' Council of Evergreen Park will host a **St. Joseph's Day Brunch** in the auditorium of the H. B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. Tickets are \$4.50 each and may be purchased from the council members or at the Office of Citizens' Services by March 10. Advance sale only - no tickets at the door. Proceeds from the event fund local charitable organizations.

March 20 - 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. - The Presbyterian Women's Organization will hold its 5th Annual **Spaghetti Dinner** at the Chicago Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6101 W. 107th St. (Lyman). Tickets will cost \$5.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children six to 12, children under six are free. For further information call 815/469-3230.

March 20 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA is sponsoring a **Spring Arts and Crafts Fair** at the high school located at 94th and Southwest Highway.

March 27 - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. - The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, located at 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn, will hold their annual **Lenten Breakfast/Easter Egg**

Hunt and Bake Sale. On the menu is eggs, pancakes, sausage, toast and beverage, all for a free will offering. There will also be a Bake Sale so you won't have to bake for Easter. For more information you may call the church office at 708-599-4025.

March 27 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - The Harold L. Richards High School Band will be hosting a **Spring Arts and Craft Fair.** The school is located at 107th and Central Ave. in Oak Lawn. The fair is still looking for crafters who would like to rent tables and/or spaces. For information please call 708/499-2550, extension 1452.

March 27 - 12 - 6 p.m. - McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255 and Auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue, will be hosting an **"All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale and drawing for an Easter Dinner Ham Raffle.** The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 children 6 to 12 years, 5 years and under free. For details call 1-708-636-3220.

July 23 - 23 - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. - **Oneida Casino & Bingo Palace in Green Bay** - Make your reservations now to join the Office of Citizens' Services group for a two-day trip. Deluxe coach bus departs from the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park at approximately 8 a.m. and returning approximately 8 p.m. In addition to the two sessions, there will be plenty of time to enjoy the indoor heated pool, whirlpool and sauna at the Radisson. Cost is \$190/person (dbl.) with rebate of \$110 in casino chips and food coupon book.

Reservations accepted at Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street.

St. Xavier University offers Master of Arts Degree in Counseling Psychology

The Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program at Saint Xavier University is designed to educate highly competent counselors who are dedicated to providing services to children and adults with psychological difficulties. Counselors work in a variety of employment settings such as mental health clinics, crisis centers, hospitals, residential facilities, social service agencies, rehabilitation centers, special schools, and private practices.

The Counseling Psychology degree program at St. Xavier University has a student-oriented, scientist-practitioner emphasis. This emphasis allows students to acquire a sound knowledge base from the counseling research literature as well as the opportunity to practice counseling skills under the close, individual supervision of full-time faculty who themselves are practicing clinicians.

The goal of the program is to educate highly competent counselors dedicated to providing services to children

and adults with psychological difficulties — is achieved through a curriculum integrating scholastic work, counseling practice, internship experiences, and research designed to:

- Prepare students with a comprehensive knowledge base for understanding normal adjustment as it relates to human growth, personality development, and social-emotional skill acquisition, including issues pertaining to culturally diverse populations.

- Provide a variety of opportunities for supervised student training with children and adults who are experiencing psychological difficulties through counseling practice and internships.

- Develop skills of psychological diagnosis and psychotherapeutic intervention to assist persons who are experiencing psychological difficulties.

- Provide students with the critical knowledge base and supervised experience to engage in psychological research endeavors.

Master's degree classes in Counseling Psychology are offered at Saint Xavier's Main Campus, 3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago.

For additional information on the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program at Saint Xavier University, please call the Graduate Admission Office at (773) 298-3053 or contact Dr. Anthony F. Rotatori, Program Director, at (773) 298-3477.

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Radogno legislation to help protect rights of mobile home tenants

Tenants, landlords and owners of mobile home parks would have an outlet for filing complaints and having them addressed under legislation sponsored in Springfield by State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange).

Senate Bill 70, passed by the Senate State Government Operations Committee, creates a Mobile Home Park Ombudsman to receive and investigate complaints filed by mobile home park tenants.

"Mobile home ownership is an unusual hybrid between renting and owning," said Radogno. "In an apartment,

a tenant can up and move. But it is difficult and costly to move a mobile home. Sometimes tenants are taken advantage of because they cannot move. There is a lack of understanding the rules and entrance fees, then there are the occasional complaints of unreasonable demands placed on the tenant where the only option has been to get an attorney and mediate the issue in court. We want to give the owners and tenants the opportunity to have their complaints and concerns addressed without paying the cost of an attorney or appearing in court."

The Director of the Illinois

Department of Public Health would appoint the Mobile Home Park Ombudsman. If a violation were found, complaints would be forwarded to the Illinois Attorney General for prosecution.

Additionally, the bill creates the Mobile Home Park Owners' and Tenants' Advisory Board to bring both sides together to consult and advise the Department of Public Health on important issues regarding mobile homes.

The legislation requires a mobile home park owner to pay \$100 for a license plus \$5 for each mobile home space in the park. Currently, a mobile home park owner pays \$100 for a license and \$5 for each space.

The measure now goes before the full Senate for consideration.

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French painter never part of "The Group"

By Joyce Macey

Gustave Moreau whose paintings are on exhibit at The Art Institute of Chicago until April 25 never had as his intention to "be one of the group."

He created a unique array of art and said that it was not necessary to break with the past to create for the present.

His style was poetic and illusive, fantastic imagery, greatly influenced by Matisse.

Moreau was a painter of single mindedness. He was essentially modern, the only child of an architect raised in a middle class existence outside of Paris. Little has been written about his work because Moreau was fiercely personal.

The current exhibit, "Between Epic and Dream" includes more than 180 paintings, watercolors and drawings from public and private

collections worldwide.

The exhibit is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council of the Arts and Humanities.

Moreau always sought hidden truths in the realm of imagination and dreams unlike his contemporaries who looked to the external visual world. Moreau was not a "painter of modern life" but of enduring universal themes he reinterpreted in personal ways.

In 1857 he worked in Italy copying pictures in museums and churches with his friend Edgar Degas.



Oedipus and the Sphinx

Two of his major works which can be viewed are "Oedipus and the Sphinx" and "Hercules and the Lernaean Hydra."

For admissions and hours call the Art Institute at 312-443-3600.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Heather J. Uelman, daughter of Brenda J. Hansen of Oak Lawn, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

She is a 1995 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Nichole J. Gorman, daughter of Debbie S. Messina of Oak Lawn, has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

She is a 1998 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Marine Pfc. Sara B. Ornelas, of Oak Lawn, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

She is a 1996 graduate of Richards High School. Ornelas is the daughter of Benito L. and Ann R. Ornelas, also of Oak Lawn.

Marine Pvt. Demetrius D. Grier, a 1998 graduate of Harold L. Richards High School of Oak Lawn, re-

cently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Marine Cpl. Richard A. Carrillo, son of Juan M. Gonzalez of Oak Lawn, recently received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He is currently assigned with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1995 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School of Oak Lawn, joined the Marine Corps in November 1995.

Navy Airman William Gallacher, son of William S. Gallacher of Burbank, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

The 1997 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank, joined the Navy in December 1997.

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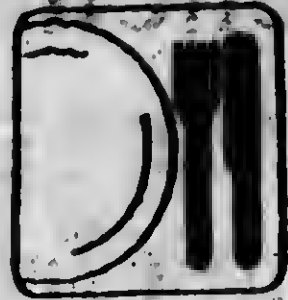
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Created by Chef Michael Reich, the Heart of Winter menu, for lunch and dinner, begins with flavorful appetizers including Seared Foie Gras Crostini with Truffle Honey and a Quince Compote; Sweet Breads and Wild Mushroom Phyllo Pomegranate Glaze; and Baby frisée and Fennel Salad with Seared Scallops and Blood Orange Vinaigrette. Two hearty soups are offered, the Wild Mushroom Consommé with Crabmeat and Lobster Ravioli and Potato and Fennel Soup with Italian Sausage and Saffron. The deli-

cious journey continues with tempting entrees of: Choucroute Alsacien; Horseradish Crusted Atlantic Salmon with Chive Mashed Potatoes; Roasted Baby Amish Chicken with Porcini Polenta; Grilled Venison Medallions with Chanterelles and Red Currants; and Maine Lobster Pot Pie. Completing the savory menu is Warm Bread Pudding with Bourbon Caramel Sauce and White Chocolate Crème Brûlée with Berry Compote.

In addition, the Heart of Winter Express Luncheon, available at \$19, features Potato and Fennel Soup with Italian Sausage and Saffron; Roasted Baby Amish Chicken with Porcini Polenta and Warm Bread Pudding with Bourbon Caramel Sauce until March 24. Call 312-372-7200.

CHIVE MASHED POTATOES

- 7 each peeled Russet potatoes
- 1-1/2 cups scalded milk
- 1/2 cup salted butter
- 1 cup chives
- 1/8 cup sour cream

- Boil potatoes in salt water until tender.
- Bring milk and butter to a boil remove from heat.
- Once potatoes are fully cooked remove from water, place in food mill churn until smooth.
- Add milk and butter to smooth potatoes.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Just before serving add fresh chives and sour cream.

LOBSTER POT PIE

- 1.5 lb. precooked shelled Maine lobster meat each blanched
- 24
- 2 peeled onions cups peeled 1" diced cooked turnips cups peeled 1" diced cooked carrots
- 2 cups petite peas
- 1 1/2 cup fresh chopped tarragon
- 1/8 oz. lobster stock
- 64 oz. light roux (1/2
- 8

- flour and 1/2 butter)
- Bring lobster stock to a boil and add chilled roux.
- Whisk vigorously until smooth, then add tarragon.
- Simmer for 30 minutes, then remove from heat.
- Line the bottom of an oven proof ceramic crock with raw pastry dough lightly over the side of crock and bake.
- Fill pastry with lobster meat, onions, turnips, carrots and petite peas cover with lobster sauce.

- Place one more piece of pastry over top of filling, egg wash.
- Press gently around sides of ceramic crock then brush again with egg wash over top of pastry.
- Bake at 350° for 25-35 minutes.
- Whisk together to create: a.) A seal for the pastry against the sides of the crock and b.) helps produce a golden texture to the pastry after it has been baked.

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CASSEROLE

- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 14-1/2 ounce can fat-free chicken broth
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 1 cup frozen corn (do not thaw)
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend
- 1 4 ounce can roasted, peeled diced green chilies, drained
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

CORNMEAL TOPPING:

- 1 10-ounce package cornbread mix
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- original toasted wheat germ
- 2/3 cup fat-free milk
- 2 egg whites or 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro

- 1. Heat oven to 400°. Spray 12 x 8-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

- 2. For casserole, cook onion and bell pepper in oil in large skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until tender, about five minutes. Stir in flour; cook, stirring constantly, one minute.

Gradually stir in chicken broth and milk. Cook over low heat, stirring, one to two minutes or until thickened. Add remaining ingredients; stir until cheese melts. Pour into baking dish.

- 3. For topping, combine cornbread mix and wheat germ in medium bowl; and milk and egg whites, stirring until no large lumps remain. Stir in cilantro. Spoon batter by 1/4 cups evenly over mixture in baking dish.
- 4. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until casserole is bubbly and topping is golden brown.

8 servings

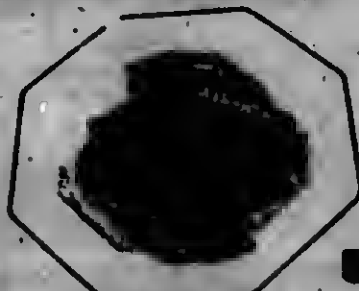


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The Parade Committee has selected the Veterans of the Korean War as this year's Grand Marshal. In commemoration of the upcoming 50th anniversary of this conflict, the committee has invited members of veteran's groups from around metropolitan Chi-

cago as well as anyone who fought in that "Forgotten War," to participate and march in the parade.

The Official Pre-Parade Party will once again be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 6th at St. Cajetan's Memorial Hall located at 112th and Artesian in Chicago. Entertainment will be provided by Network, 'Shamus' and the Irish Folk group "Dyed in the Wool". The door donation of \$15.00 includes beer, wine and snacks with sandwiches available at a nominal cost. Tickets will be sold at the door. To reserve advance tables of ten, contact the parade office at 773/239-7755.

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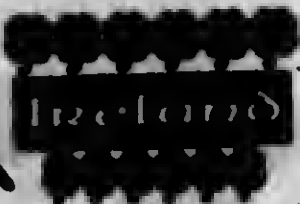
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Theatre Alive

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This delightful musical comedy was first introduced in 1979 at the Forum Theater in Summit and it ran and ran and ran.

Written by John Powers, a Brother Rice High School graduate, it tells the story of growing up Catholic in the fifties. It recalls hilarious admonitions by nuns and the awesome guilt and fear that was part of the Catholic teachings (prior to the Second Vatican Council). But the universal message is about conflicts that confront all young people growing up in a world where emotions are strong and adult advice is often more confusing than helpful. The romp spans the eight grade years in a Catholic classroom with young adolescent boys and girls. It

is a bittersweet story that rings the school bell of anyone who has been educated in the Catholic tradition. The publics will also be charmed. Ann Whitney is Sister Lee the crotchety elder nun who really bears a beloved heart. She also appeared in a recent past production of Queen of the Stardust Ballroom which proves her versatility as an actress.

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Runs to March 28.

Only four performances, March 26 to March 28, when impressionist Rich Little and his numerous friends perform at Drury Lane Theater in Evergreen Park. From politicians to movie and television stars, Rich Little is a master mimic of over 200 voices. Infamous for his skewing of political figures, he has charmed and amused, annoyed and lampooned politicians from here to his native Canada. His expert impressions also have been used seriously when he stepped in for stars who were

unable to do their own redubbing on sound tracks. He replaced Peter Sellers when his vocal chords were gone due to illness in his last film, "The Curse of the Pink Panther." He also did Gene Kelly for a Christmas special when Kelly lost his voice. Other performances have included: President Reagan, and a command performance for Prince Charles and Princess Diana. In 1990, he performed at Queen Elizabeth's Triple birthday party honoring, the Queen Mum on her 90th birthday, Princess Margaret on her 60th and Princess Anne on her 40th.

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Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills continues theater with "Six Degrees of Separation" by playwright John Guare and directed by Professor Joyce Peter. It is scheduled to run in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Building on March 5, 6, 7, and 11,

12, 13, and 14. Thursday through Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. No subject is left untouched in this comic, fast-paced and affecting piece as it contains adult subject matter.

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Court Theatre caps 1998-99 season with rotating repertory

Court Theatre continues its popular tradition of presenting two productions in rotating repertory, featuring the same director, design team and company of actors. This season, Court Theatre Artistic Director Charles Newell stages Lillian Hellman's powerful story of greed and sibling rivalry, "The Little Foxes," performed with David Hirson's fanciful farce "La Bête." "The Little Foxes" and "La Bête" opens Sunday, March 18 and continues through May 16 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago.

First performed on Broadway nearly sixty years ago, Hellman's tale of a southern family torn apart by their ruthless ambitions is as riveting today as the day it was written. Set in the genteel South at the turn of the century, "The Little Foxes" is a sizzling look into the lives and lies of the Hubbard fam-

ily. When their scheme to bring the family great fortune runs short of cash, the Hubbards will do anything to keep their dream alive and "in the family." In a world of insatiable greed, marriages of convenience, deceit, and ultimately murder, these southern foxes continue to epitomize the danger of a society ruled by greed. Hollis Resnik stars as the scheming Regina Hubbard Gibbens.

A period French farce with more than a nod to Molière, "La Bête" is played in rhyming couplets and alludes to both Molière's own life and his comic masterpiece "The Misanthrope." This modern classic is a brilliant tribute to Molière's comic genius and builds upon Court's unique commitment to the exploration of all that is Molière. In a comic whirlwind of high style, "La Bête" tells the story of Elomire, a 17th cen-

tury French playwright, and his touring acting troupe who have come to lead the high life thanks to the patronage of the fickle Prince of Conti. Sparks fly when Valere, a swaggering braggart with delusions of artistic grandeur, becomes the Prince's choice to join Elonaire's troupe. It is a battle of wits and witticisms as the two face off in this outrageous commentary on the nature of art and the artist in society. In a gender-bender twist of casting, Barbara Robertson will play the garrulous Valere.

Ticket prices range from \$26.00 to \$36.00 for performances and are on sale at the Court Theatre Box Office or can be purchased by calling (773) 753-4472. A Rep Pak is available offering up to a 10% discount on tickets to patrons who are interested in attending both productions.

Alsip Chamber holds 12th annual auction

The Alsip Chamber of Commerce will hold their 12th annual auction on Wednesday, March 10, at the Elk's Lodge, 11346 S. Cicero in Alsip. Doors open at 5:30 for the silent auction and dinner buffet. Voice auction begins at 6:45 p.m.

All items are new and have been donated by area companies and will be sold no matter what the bid. Items range from airline tickets to dinners at local restaurants, theater tickets, sporting event tickets, artwork, office and household items plus many more.

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this spring's theatrical "must see."

Gaylord Ravenal will be Kim Carkhuff and Christopher Lynn. Other featured roles include Jeff Wolf as Cap'n Andy, Kara Powers as Parthy, Dan Nickerson as Frank, Rachel Smargiossi as Ellie, Mary Grace Gordon as Julie, Earl Hazell, Jr. as Joe and Crystal Sims as Queenie.

The Fireside will present nine shows weekly Wednesday through Sunday with dinner served prior to each performance. The Fireside complex includes several gift shops with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and is located on Business Hwy. 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson.

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"Show Boat" to open at the Fireside

Theatre Alive

By Georgean Fitzgerald

It's too late to experience the action of ER (Emergency Room) the farce on the stage of the Beverly Art Center in Chicago. It ran for only three performances. It was produced by the ubiquitous Beverly Theater Guild which celebrates its fortieth season this year. Applause to all of its members past and present. Their version of ER took the lighthearted approach by way of farce where timing is of the essence.

Farce doesn't spend a lot of time building character, but does so in the extreme. Everything must happen quickly. And an individual's pain or problem triggers hilarious laughter. The comics of old such as Buster Keaton or Charlie Chaplin, and Jack Benny are good examples. It is not Shakespeare nor does it even approach the wit and nuance of Neil Simon.

The Beverly Theater Guild did give a plausible and sometimes comical view of people injured or in pain and in trouble. If you laugh when someone slips on a banana peel you would enjoy ER. The sentimental comedy "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up" is next up on the

Guild's schedule in May and should be worth seeing. Call Maureen Manahan at 773/238-2163 for tickets.

If you want a good laugh see "Perfect Wedding" at the Evergreen Park Drury Lane Theatre directed by David Mink who really pulls out all of the stops in creating laughter and does it superbly. This scenario tells of the mishmash of bridal couples and the peccadilloes on the night before the wedding.

This is definitely a farce. The characters are not more than two dimensional, however, good farce acting involves precision and clarity. It should appear that "all hell is breaking loose" and the actors need to be in complete control. Character is not the foremost element...plot is. As long as something is interesting and comical, farce works.

To paraphrase George Burns: "Drama is easy; you don't know how the audience feels till the play is over. Then they either clap or they don't. But in comedy, you know the score every time and say a laugh line." "Perfect Wedding" is PERFECT!

Drury Lane Evergreen Park Theater, 2500 W. 95th Street

Phone: 708/422-0404

Paula Scrofano - Daphne - is excited as always to return to Drury Lane Evergreen Park. Paula has previously performed in "A Grand Night for Singing," "Wife Begins at Forty," "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," "Suitehearts" and "Jerry's Girls." This past season she appeared in the Chicago premiere of Denial at the Apple Tree Theatre and as Titania/Hippolita in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at First Folio Shakespeare Festival. Paula has received two Jeff Awards, two Sarah Siddons Awards and two After Dark Awards. Her honored performances include "Putting it Together" at the Court Theatre; Lily Garland in "On the Twentieth Century" at Drury Lane Oakbrook; Eva Peron in Evita at Marriott's Lincolnshire Theatre.; Dot/Marie in "Sunday in the Park with George" at the Goodman Theatre; the title role in "Mame" at Candlelight Playhouse and Judy/Ginger in "Ruthless" at the Forum Theatre.



Rich Little

Impressionist Rich Little (and his hundreds of friends) will perform for the first time at Drury Lane Theatre, 2500 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. His four shows are Friday, March 26 - Sunday, March 28.

Palos Community Hospital offers free blood-sugar tests

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Woman to Woman

If you are a woman and have health concerns and questions but don't know who to turn to for answers to those questions, "Women's Health Issues" is for you. Presented by Kathleen M. McMahon and Monika Penska-Rossi, both of the QC Family Chiropractic and Rehabilitation, at the Bridgeview Public Library on Wednesday, March 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.. The Bridgeview Public Library is located at 7840 W. 79th St., telephone (708) 458-2880.

Impressionist Rich Little to perform at Drury Lane



From politicians to movie and television stars, Rich Little is a master mimic of over 200 voices. Infamous for his skewing of political figures, he has charmed, amused, annoyed and lampooned politicians from here to his native Canada. He entertained at the Reagan inaugural and he is currently preparing his one-man show, "The Presidents" for Broadway.

The performance schedule and prices are as follows: Friday, March 26, 2 p.m., \$32.00/show only, \$47.00/lunch at noon and show or show and dinner at 4:30 p.m.; Friday, March 26, 8:30 p.m. performance,

\$34.00/show only, \$54.00/dinner at 6:30 and show; Saturday, March 27, 6 p.m. performance, \$34.00/show only, \$54.00/lunch at 4 p.m. and show; Sunday, March 28, 3:30 p.m. performance, \$34.00/show only, \$54.00/lunch at 1:30 p.m. and show.

Other artists on the 1999 Drury Lane Theatre Star Concert Series include Bobby Vinton, March 9 - 14, Lou Rawls, March 19 - 21; Charlie Prose, June 1 - 3 and June 21 - 23; Jim Nabors, June 8 - June 12; The McGuire Sister, June 15 - 20 and Debbie Reynolds, October 18 - October 24.

Library display for March 1999

Throughout the month of March, the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., first floor community display cases will feature an exhibit of pictures, miniatures and books paying tribute to the Irish Brigade, a special military unit that served during the Civil War,

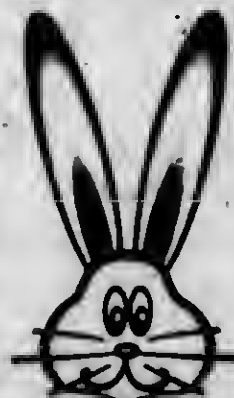
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"Jesus Christ Superstar" at Drury Lane Oakbrook

"Jesus Christ Superstar" will be the first show in the 1999-2000 Subscription Series at Drury Lane Oakbrook. Running from March 17 until May 9, this production will be directed by Artistic Director Ray Frewen.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" was a hit before it opened on Broadway in 1971. Written by then 23 year old Andrew Lloyd Weber and 26 year old Tim Rice, the two-record album on which the show is based sold 2 1/2 million copies in the U.S. alone. The show then began touring in concert version. Finally, Weber and Rice teamed with Robert Stigwood of MCA, Inc. to bring the rock opera to Broadway.

In the 30 years since it was first released, "Jesus Christ Superstar" has been staged in hundreds of different versions. The Drury Lane Oakbrook production is set in the near future in the aftermath of a nuclear war and

asks the question, "What if he came back?" Would man have learned from his mistakes? Or would history repeat itself, as it so often does?

Heading the cast are newcomers to the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage Sean Krill as Jesus and Sean Blake as Judas. Returning favorites Heidi Kettenring and Brad Hoffman will take on the roles of Mary Magdalene and Caiaphas. Others in the cast will include Steve Dunne as Annas, Tom Hennings as Peter, Scott Jones as Herod, Parrish Collier as Simon and Ken Paul as Pilate.

James Zager will choreograph the large cast and music will be led by Paul Hamilton, another newcomer to Drury Lane Oakbrook. Kurt Sharp will create the sets with Shannon McKinney as lighting designer. Completing the design team will be Dan Mead as sound designer and Greg

Slawko as costumer.

Preview performances of "Jesus Christ Superstar" are scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 through Sunday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m. "Jesus Christ Superstar" will open March 21 at 7 p.m. The performance schedule preview week and thereafter is: Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Individual ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 and dinner/theatre packages range from \$30.50 to \$38.75. Tickets for "Jesus Christ Superstar" are available at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Box Office window or by calling the box office at 630-530-0111. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster outlets and Ticketmaster phone charge 312-902-1500. Student prices are available for all shows. For group sales call 630-530-8300.

Duke Ellington Centennial Celebration stars Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr.

Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. star with a cast of Broadway performers and a sizzling jazz band in the national touring production of "Hit Me With a Hot Note! - The Duke Ellington Songbook." The tour, a centennial celebration of Duke Ellington, comes to the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora on Sunday, March 14 for a 3 p.m. show.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$35 and are available at the Paramount Arts Centre Box Office, 23 E. Galena Blvd., by calling (630) 896-6666 and at all Ticketmaster locations.

Duke Ellington is considered by many the most important figure in jazz history. During his 56-year career, he and his band played with such greats as Miles Davis, Cab Calloway, Dizzy

Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett and Louis Armstrong. By the time of his death in 1974 at age 75, he had written more than 5,000 songs. Those featured in "Hit Me With a Hot Note! - The Duke Ellington Songbook" include: "Drop Me Off In Harlem," "I Got It Bad," "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing," "Mood Indigo," "Satin Doll," and "Sophisticated Lady."

Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. have been married for more than 25 years and began performing together when Davis joined the Fifth Dimension. The Fifth Dimension's success is unsurpassed with more than 30 songs hitting the pop charts in only eight years. After a decade with The Fifth Dimension, McCoo and Davis

left the group and established a career as a musical duo. Their first single, "You Don't Have to Be a Star (To be in My Show)," was a number one hit and earned them their first of eight Grammy awards for Best R & B Vocal Performance by a Duo. "The Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. Show" aired on CBS in 1977 and established the couple as one of America's most successful and popular acts. Since that time, McCoo has been the host of the hit television show "Solid Gold" and has appeared on "Days of Our Lives," "Night Court" and many concert specials. She recently made her Broadway debut as Julie in "Showboat."

Davis has a successful solo career as a gospel recording artist.





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Saturday, March 13 & 20	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 14 & 21	3:00 p.m.

Tickets

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Plays are held and tickets are available at the Oakview Community Center, 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Call 708/857-2200 for more information.





TV Host George O'Hare, Susan L. Kelsey, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries, and Edward McElroy, president of McElroy and Associates

"Creating Chicago's Newest Taxpayers" will spotlight TV show

"Creating Chicago's Newest Taxpayers" by Goodwill Industries of Chicago will be the spotlight of a very special Chicago Channel 19 cable TV show on Friday, March 12, at 5 p.m. and repeated on Sunday, March 14 at noon.

TV host George O'Hare will interview Susan L. Kelsey, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries and Edward McElroy, president of McElroy and Associates.

Kelsey and McElroy will tell how Goodwill, founded in 1902, has for the past 97 years promoted a philosophy of "A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out" as they carry out their daily mission of providing, at no cost, vocational training designed to increase the employability of those who need it.

For those in need, Goodwill provides training programs in business skills, graphic design, food service, hospitality, building services and services for the deaf and hard of hearing. For information about Goodwill Services phone 312-491-2900.

Letter to the editor

Continuing an ongoing pattern of "selective application" of Village policy and procedure, the competitive bidding procedure prescribed by law has been once again countermanded following a request initiated by Village Engineer Lynn Krauss.

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend the existing contract for sidewalk and curb work to Crest & Son-Cement Contractors of Oak Lawn.

According to current Village legal code, "All single purchases of, and individual contracts for supplies, materials and/or services, except as otherwise provided herein, when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) shall be purchased by formal written contract from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting bids unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees then holding office."

The current Coalition Party exceeds the latter "2/3" criterion and has the power and legal authority to award Village business funded by TAXPAYERS to ANYONE they choose!

In a memo dated February 4, 1999, Krauss, Director of Public Works/Quality Control noted it was "difficult for staff to obtain proposals from contractors through the bidding process."

Krauss further stated "we have had contractors who have been awarded contracts for this work who give us poor service and place a low priority on their service to the Village."

In their zeal to assure Crescent received the lucrative business, an unknown person, in the Public Works Dept. composed a similar appeal to the Board and signed Trustee Jerry Hurekes' signature.

Inquiries to Mr. Lynn Krauss and Public Works staff regarding the actual authorship of the "proxy" correspondence have been overtly evaded.

The same code that authorizes the Board of Trustees to circumvent the established bidding rules also authorizes the Board to withhold contracts because of "the quality of performance of previous contracts or services; whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference..."

The code also authorizes performance bonds "to protect the best interests of the Village."

The code additionally specifies "It is not the intent of this subsection to encourage the circumvention of the bidding requirements and, to the extent practicable, Village staff is encouraged to rely on the competitive bidding process."

It was noted by Mr. Krauss (and by Trustee

Hurekes in a similar memo) that Crest & Son has given the Village "exceptional service and quality work for over six years..."

If no bid practices are allowed to continue under the "don't rock the boat" mindset, otherwise qualified "New" contractors eager for an opportunity to prove themselves will never even have the opportunity to try.

P.S.

Hopefully the Village has learned a financially painful and embarrassing lesson from the *Federates* (who have made it clear Municipal Hiring and similar practices) do not exist in a vacuum.) ALL QUALIFIED CITIZENS DESERVE CONSIDERATION, not just those "endorsed" by a select and sadly LEGALLY influential FEW.

REGARDS,

DR. HARRY HALLER

Women's center offers career planning program

The Women's Health Center of Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 16750 S. 80th Ave., Tinley Park, will present a seminar on "How Healthy is your Career" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30.

Participants will have an opportunity to discover an

Letter to the Editor

The February 16 article "AAA-CMC highlights new traffic safety legislation" mentioned "looking ahead" included "allowing police to pull over motorists solely for not wearing a seat belt."

Allowing the police to stop motorists for not using a seat belt, a victimless, state created crime, opens the door for police harassment, such as targeting certain age and ethnic groups. Also, stopping motorists for not using a seat belt will take the police officer's valuable time and energy away from real crime investigation and prevention.

Seat belt law supporters, for over a decade now, have been trying to convince the public that seat belts are a safety device and people must be forced to use them in order to save lives. What is not being said, however, there is ample evidence that some people have been killed only because of forced seat belt use, and others have been saved from death only because a seat belt was not used.

The fact is, the government has no constitutional

authority to force some people to kill themselves in certain kinds of traffic accidents using a seat belt, just because in other kinds of accidents, the government claims some people will be saved merely by chance. The fact is, the government has no right to take chances with our bodies against our will, the ultimate private property, unless due process is initiated. The government has no right to play Russian roulette with our lives.

There is certainly nothing wrong with voluntary seat belt use, as it is with all other kinds of individual personal health care suggestions and recommendations in life; however, there is a great deal wrong with all state mandatory seat belt harness laws.

People should write the new governor and their representatives in the Illinois legislature to repeal the Illinois seat belt law in order to restore our liberty. As long as there are seat belt laws, the Bill of Rights is dead!

Sincerely,
William J. Holdorf

Winter Bible Conference

The Annual Winter Bible Conference is March 14 - 16 at Moraine Valley Church, 6300 W. 127th Street in Palos Heights. The theme for the conference is "The Sure Word... The Power of God's Word in Your Life Today."

Conference Schedule and Topics are:

Sunday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. - Pastor Pat Peglow - "Why Satan Does not Want Us in the Word?"

There must be something about God's word that Satan knows makes a difference in our lives and in the world. What is that? This message is going to reveal to us some of the eternal differences that God's word can make in our lives.

Sunday, March 14, 11:15 a.m. - Pastor Bill Mills - "Measuring Our Experiences by the Scriptures". What happens when our feelings or experiences are in conflict with what the Bible teaches? How do we respond when our desires lead us away from the direction of God's word?

effective process for making career decisions, identify "career personality type" and learn about general career trends.

Jessica Skorupa, Ph.D., a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in career counseling, will present the program. Skorupa earned her doctorate in counseling psychology from Loyola University, Chicago. Her professional experience includes more than 10 years in personal and career counsel-

ing and over five years as a psychology teacher.

The cost for the program is \$15 and registration is required. For more informa-

tion or to register, call Christ Hospital's Health Advisor, 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

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Baby Boomers

Let's face it, we the once young voices of America, are getting old. I don't like to admit this any more than the next baby boomer, but it's true. For some of us our coming of age materialized in the late sixties, early seventies. We were a generation of young adults whose ideals made us believe we could change the world, or at least have a great time trying. Bright yellow smiling faces and greetings with a peace sign were symbols of our mellow existence. We wore flowers in our hair, went barefoot a lot and coined phrases like "groovy" and "outta sight." A whole lot has changed since then. These days we buy shoes with comfort arches for support, and outta sight means what our aging eyes can't focus on. The ponytails that use to hang down the backs of liberated young guys, are a distant memory as these now middle-aged men contend with receding hair lines that are thinning faster than you can say "What's a comb over?" We are now the establishment we so fiercely fought. We have become the same kind of parents to our children that we once defied. A common truth our carefree generation held onto was the belief that you could never trust anyone over thirty. Some of us now have children that old. We defined the meaning of generation gap and now crossed over to the other side. Some of us are empty nesters, or perhaps some are grandparents, while still others may be looking forward to the day when the last of the kids are out on their own. Yes we may be growing old, but we are doing it gracefully. Though our youth has faded, we still find ourselves exploring, still finding ways to revitalize with a zest for living that is uniquely our own. There will never be another generation with more spunk, more creativity, and more conviction than the one that stood for peace and love. We are the gray haired travelers who welcome the journey to the new millennium with middle-aged pride.

WE ARE THE BABY BOOMERS!

Library Youth Services Annual Report - February 16

The Youth Services Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library presented an annual report to the Library Board of Trustees at their regular monthly meeting, February 16.

Judith McMahon, Youth Services Department Head, announced several accomplishments from 1998, which include: another successful summer reading program with 1,672 participants, who read a total of 37,830 books; purchase of books and audiovisual materials that enhance their collection; the creation of publications to assist patrons in finding information on topics of interest; completion of the departmental redecorating project; continues out-

reach services to the community, such as two monthly Storyhours at Hope Children's Hospital; and participation in community and professional committees, workshops and organizations.

The Youth Services Department has set goals for 1999, which include: conducting a school year reading program; working with local schools to update the Homework Center and to determine pre-literacy needs of preschool children; continuing to provide excellent reference service, programs, bibliographies and the latest in technology for young patrons; and service as a youth advocate in the community.

In other news, the library

Friends plan trip to planetarium

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to the new, interactive space show presented at the StarRider Theater of the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum on Wednesday, March 31. An in-person registration will be held 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 6.

The cost of the trip, including deluxe coach transportation, lunch at Galileo's in the museum and reserved seats, is \$28 for members and \$30 for others. Registration will be held at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, in the first floor lobby, near the Raymond Avenue entrance. If tickets remain, you may register by calling Genevieve Sobanski, trip chair, 708-598-7971, after 4 p.m.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

OCS Golf League enters sixth season

The Office of Citizens' Services begins another golf season. The OCS League is open to Evergreen Park residents and their friends outside the village, and will be golfing at the Fountain Hills Golf Course, 12601 S. Kedzie, Alsip.

A meeting will be held at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street on Wednesday, March 31 at 10

board reviewed reports from staff and trustees who had attended the American Library Association Midwinter Conference held in Philadelphia, PA.

In regular business, the library board approved payment of \$36,228.28 for library materials and \$31,799.66 for general operating expenses. After annual review, the board unanimously approved the following policies: Trustee Bylaws; Library Credit Cards; Barring Disruptive Patrons from the Library; Soliciting, Selling and Petitioning; Delinquent Patrons; Youth Services Programming; Community Use of Bulletin Board; and Community Use of Display Cases.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Marist has three National Merit Finalists

The National Merit Scholarship Program Committee has recently determined which of the Semifinalists named in September 1998 have met all the requirements necessary to qualify as Finalists in the 1999 competition for Merit Scholarships.

From Marist High School, all of the three seniors who were named Semifinalists have advanced to Merit Finalist standing. They are: Daniel Balcauski of Evergreen Park, Andrew Seputis of Tinley Park, and Charles Baumhart of Palos Heights (pictured from left to right with Larry Tucker, Principal).

Baumhart, son of James and Barbara Baumhart of Palos Heights, is a graduate of Independence Jr. High. Balcauski, son of Dennis and Marilyn Balcauski of Evergreen Park, is a graduate of Central Jr. High. Seputis, son of Thomas and Grace Seputis of Tinley Park, is a graduate of Grissom Jr. High. Each of the Merit Finalists are also Illinois State Scholars.

The selection of some 7,600 Merit Scholarship winners from the finalist group is now in progress. In March, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will begin mailing scholarship offers to winners.

Washington and Jane Smith Home announce plans for a Continuing Care Retirement Community

The Washington and Jane Smith Home (WJS), in conjunction with the Village of Orland Park, has announced plans for the development of a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), to be constructed on approximately 32 acres located at 104th Avenue and 183rd Street. The new campus will feature an exciting mix of life-style options, including independent living cottages, apartments, assisted living suites, and a full milieu of continuing care services in a state-of-the-art skilled nursing facility and Alzheimer's units. The entire campus is designed to be compatible with neighboring residential areas and the I-80 corridor vision.

On February 22, WJS petitioned to the Orland Park Community Development Department for the proposed CCRC. "Our conceptual plan is consistent with the transitional use for the site and is currently zoned for a senior housing development. However, it is the distinctive combination of disciplines that will make this a unique

residential community," stated Gary T. Johanson, chief executive officer of WJS.

The site was selected by WJS because of the great need for a full-scale CCRC to serve the older residents of the southwest suburbs. With plans to become an active and dynamic part of the Orland community, the development will offer a full spectrum of recreational, social, and enrichment activities. Amenities will range from housekeeping and laundry services to full service dining rooms, recreational lounges and activity rooms, a town center barber shop, beauty salon, library, and fitness facilities. "In keeping with our 80-year tradition of excellence, we will provide a dignified environment and stimulating resources for active seniors," said Johanson.

The campus center will offer programs and services for CCRC residents and the Orland community alike. As part of community outreach, Saint Xavier University plans to develop land east of

the campus. Other on-premise partnerships will include a medical facility to address health needs and wellness issues. "Efforts will be made to work with a wide range of other elder care providers and community organizations with the intent that the new campus will be an inviting and intrinsic part of this community," said James Nemec, president of the WJS Board of Trustees and Orland Park resident.

The Washington and Jane Smith Home currently operates a well-known and highly regarded CCRC in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. The architecturally impressive colonial structure, located at 113th Place and Western Avenue, has been a landmark since 1924, when it first opened its doors. A legacy from Washington and Jane Smith, augmented in 1929 by their daughter Emilie, enabled the Home to expand in breadth and service throughout its many years of operation. Today, the Home accommodates the needs of more than 240 residents.

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**He is 49 yrs. Old. with white hair and hazel eyes.
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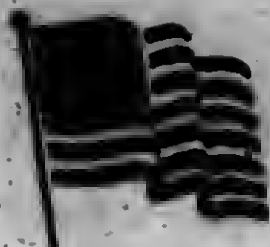
He is known by the name of VINCENT

**Vincent was last seen wearing a bright blue windbreaker/plaid work
shirt /blue jeans and white gym shoes.**

**He was last seen on January 23, 1999 in the area of 103rd & Harlem Ave.
about 1:00 a.m. He does not drive a car and was very despondent.**

He is a carpenter by trade

**We are asking anyone with information to
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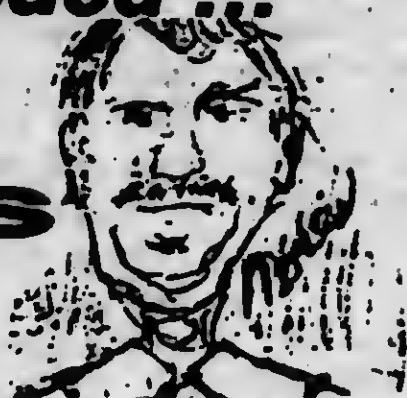
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Keslin's Korner

by Lee J Keslin



End of an Era ? American Legion post 746 S. F. Sullivan-Woodlawn located at 5632 W 63rd has shut its doors and is now to meet at O'Donnell-Eddy Floss American Legion Post 714, 6136 S Pulaski at Sullivan - Woodlawn's regular meeting time of the third Sunday of the month (March 21st) at 3pm.

S. F. Sullivan originally began east of California Avenue and for a long time operated its post home at 63rd and Rockwell. After moving to Clearing, Woodlawn AL Post before disbanding merged with it hence the name Sullivan - Woodlawn.

Of the two American Legion posts still meeting in the Clearing-Ridge area Garfield-Ridge, Marvin Seeman, Post 1112, and Central Park 1028 neither operate a post home. Clearing Post 600 had at one time owned and operated the old Clearing Town Hall located directly across the street where Sullivan was located but moved when property taxes became prohibitive and is now located on 63rd just east of Kostner. While 600 owns the building and rents its hall they no longer operate a bar.

Presently Sullivan is seeking to sell off its bar equipment which includes its bar, 3 tap barrel cooler, a 6 ft under the counter beer cooler, a smoke eater, captain style bar stools, stackable chairs, microwave, new gas stove, and refridge, along with other supplies. For further information call Bill McNamara at 773-735-1215

C. C. L. Seeks Help with Vets Monument
Citing disrepair, and vandalism countermeasures which require a 16 foot ladder to replace the flags at the monument located at the southeast corner of 63rd and Narragansett

Clearing Civic League President Richard Zilka said that he will be seeking input at their next Civic League meeting as to what can be done to remedy the situation.

The monument maintained by the Civic League had been a frequent target of vandalism throughout the years. Flags have been torn down requiring the halyards to be raised to an almost inaccessible height. Because of this the poles themselves are in need of replacement. In addition, brass emblems of each of the services embedded in concrete were stolen. With the relocation of the CTA bus stop and the addition of a wrought iron fence around the monument vandalism has been somewhat reduced.

None the less flag poles with interior Halyards preferably need to be donated replacing the damaged ones.

In making his announcement Zilka stated that Congressman William Lipinski offered the site at Archer and Narragansett which has a granite marker dedicated to Lech Walensa and displays the Polish ensign along with the American flag as a relocation site.

This and other matters will be discussed at the leagues next second Tuesday of the month meeting which is held in Foster Hall (basement) of the Clearing U.M. church March 9th, at 63rd place and Major at 7:30 pm.

Note the monument maintained by the Clearing Civic League is one of two area monuments dedicated to those who served. The other located in Garfield Ridge is maintained by Garfield Ridge American Legion Post 1112 is located in Richards Funeral Home Parking lot

Two Brothers Need Small Apartment

forced to move because of building sale. Both senior citizens on limited incomes one with a physical disability are seeking an apartment in the Clearing area. The older brother is very handy and will do repairs etc. for adjusted rent. Call (Lee) at 773-582-1842 have furnishings "garden apt" fine.

A Prediction for the year Y2K (2000)

Prince Eddie's van from the VFW may not be at this location but a new Wallgreen's will be gracing this location along with two other businesses which will be gone east of this spot on 63rd street by the year 2000. The new store will replace the two stores one on 63rd and Major, and the other located in the Garfield Ridge Mall (Archer and Mayfield). The Mall site will be an expanded Jewel Osco....L.J.K.

Clearing Night Force

The neighborhood watch group in police watch area 812 covering Central to Harlem 59th to 65th will be hosting 8th district Commander March 3rd. The meeting will be held at 7pm in the Clearing Library 6432 W 63rd Place.

St Daniel The Prophet

5330 S Nashville will conduct Living Stations of The Cross March 3rd Wednesday at 7pm.

On Saturday March 13th the parish will conduct its annual Irish Fest. Festivities will begin with a prelude of Irish music at 4:30 with Mass commencing at 5pm.

Following Mass a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served.

The tickets are \$6.75 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years of age. Coffee lemonade, and other beverages will be served. For further information call (773)-586-1223.

Southwest Sr Ctr
6012 S Archer (Menard) will host a speaker for Senior Health Information Plans concerning differing medicare services 11:30 Friday March 5th.

Registration is suggested for further information call 773-284-0428, weekdays

Hale Park 6258 W 62nd

has added two new scheduled activities: A step aerobic class from 12:30 to 1:30 pm on Fridays. The fee is \$5 for five weeks.

The other event is Kids Klub held on Saturdays for ages 6-9, between the hours of 10am till noon and for ages 10 to 12, 12:30 to 2:30.

Sports, games, arts, and crafts will be offered by the park district will be featured in the Kids Klub program. More information call after 2pm weekdays 312-747-6168

Rhine Post Auxillary

Post 2729 is hosting a penny social 1:30pm Sunday Mar 7th in the post hall 5858 S Archer (Luna) A raffle for a TV plus other items will be held.

Attention Organizations

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St Joseph's Day on Mosepratt Ave

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Pictured left to right: Mike and Jerry DeGonia, challenger Perry Polarski, and Bob Diamond in Men's C Doubles at a racquetball tournament held on February 20, at Palos Olympic, Palos Hills.

Chicago Ridge Meeting - February 16, 1999

By Jude Coyle

Clerk Charles Tokar called the Village Board Committee Meeting of February 16 to order. Trustees Daniel Badon, George A. Ryniak, Maureen P. Sosha, James S. Saunoris, Juanita A. Babcock and Larry Grove attended. Mayor Eugene L. Siegel was on vacation. Trustee Badon was elected President Pro Temp. Attorney George Witteous arrived later.

Mr. Rudy Visser of Trkla, Pettigrew, Allen and Payne, Inc. described the projects that the village is applying for through the Cook County Block Grant Program. The village is asking for \$235,000 for street resurfacing and sidewalk replacement in selected areas. Next, the village will ask for \$115,000 to complete the street resurfacing which began last year in the northwest section of town, 99th and 98th between Harlem and Sayer which has yet to be completed. Board members pointed out that funds are available to areas where 42% or more of the residents are in the low income bracket. Where sidewalks need to be replaced in higher income areas, the village has

a 50/50 program in place, where the village splits the cost with the homeowner.

Jack Lind of the Public Works Department asked permission to send two employees to fire/ambulance school to learn about Ford engines, electrical systems and transmissions. The classes will last three days, and costs \$170 for each man. A \$40 membership fee is required from each man as well. This would allow them to attend other classes during the year.

Mr. Lind reported that the light truck needs to be replaced. He requested that the boom on the replacement extends 51 feet. A new one runs about \$115,000. The last one was bought used and lasted 12 to 14 years.

John Caruso of Christopher Burke Engineering recommended that Lions Electric, the low bidder at \$313,000, install the Opticom boxes on street lights. This would serve wireless communications. He reported that a number of projects are waiting for I.D.O.T. approval. Also, he has received several proposals from environmental companies for the under-

ground storage tank removal at the public storage building and Firehouse #2. According to the B.O.C.A. code, the tanks should come up one year after abandonment. Government regulations says two. One tank is still in use and the other has recently been retired. Both will have to be pumped out. Quotes for removal have come in at \$1,600 to \$2,000 per tank if there is no product release. The village is counting on \$10,000 per tank, in case the soil about the tanks is contaminated. The board tabled this as they have time to act.

Another matter Mr. Caruso discussed was the Fairview Nursing Home's plumbing problems. Two inches of sewage had backed up into the basement when the village inspected the premises last. This is a long standing situation that must be corrected. Two different proposals have been submitted.

A feasibility study was made concerning the possibility of building a temporary road under the toll way bridge while the Southwest Highway Bridge is closed. Only a single lane would be

possible and the cost to build it would be astronomical.

Stoney Creek Golf Course wants to relocate their fence 20 feet closer to 103rd. North of 103rd is owned by Stoney Creek. The village has allowed them to use the sewer system, and as payment, asked the golf course dedicate the right of way to the village. Mr. Witteous has been working with the golf course attorneys for years, but has made no progress. There has been some concern as to whether the area can be considered a wetland. If so, the fence cannot be moved. The board adjourned the committee meeting at 8:20 p.m. and began the regular board meeting immediately after.

The board had not agreed to a fee or a schedule of fees for commercial sign fees. Until they do they felt it was best to remove the ordinance from the books.

The board voted an ordinance approved a volume cap transfer to Richton Park. This means that the Village of Chicago Ridge will not sell bonds this year. Each village or town is allowed to sell \$50 worth of bonds annually for each citizen living

in that town. This is worth \$712,000 to Chicago Ridge. By ceding their bonding power to Richton Park, who has sold all their bonds, Chicago Ridge will receive \$10 or \$11,000 from Richton Park.

The board agreed to donate \$500 to United Way.

Subway, which would be located in the food court at the mall asked for a business license. This was approved pending an inspection. 7-Eleven applied for a business license and a Class B Liquor License. Both requests were approved pending the results of police reports and inspections of the premises.

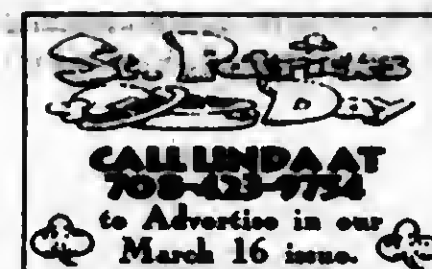
The board voted to allow the mechanics to attend school on behalf of the Public Works Department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, at 7 p.m.



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Are you having difficulty handling your grief following the loss of a loved one? If so, we invite you to attend a free six-week bereavement workshop sponsored by Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue, Palos Heights.

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Class will meet each Tuesday, March 23 through April 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. Registration is required; to obtain additional information, contact the Social Services Department at (708) 923-4840.

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Oak Lawn village board recognizes firefighters and their accomplishments

By: F.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn Fire Dept. Lieutenant Lorraine Hurt, Engineer Norm Rick, Firefighters William Roser and Frank Kovak were recognized by Mayor Kolb, Village Trustees and a sizeable contingent of their co-workers at the March 9th Board Meeting.

Presenting a Unit Citation to the crew from Engine Company 30, the Mayor praised the life saving efforts of the firefighters for their quick response involving a semi-conscious fire victim.

Within two minutes after receiving a 911 call February 14th, firefighters responded to a kitchen fire on the 4000 block of 99th Street. Upon hearing moans from the occupant of the smoke filled unit, crew members in full rescue gear transported the victim safely to awaiting paramedics.

According to Fire Chief Thomas Moran, "The victim was released several days later with no apparent lasting physical injuries."

Lieutenant Hurt remarked, in painful resignation, "We get a lot of 'removals,' not many rescues."

Mr. Jim Craig, Chairperson for the Oak Lawn Community Partnership, presented a certificate of recognition to Trustee Jerry Hurckes for his assistance to area Seniors.

The Community Partner-

ship is part of a program sponsored by Christ Hospital that offers Seniors assistance with tasks such as leave raking and snow shoveling. The work is performed by volunteers from area schools.

Peggy Daudell, Community Health Coordinator from Christ Hospital and Lynn Craig were also present for the award presentation.

Mr. Craig suggested other members of the Board might find the program worthy of their support.

A \$50,000. grant from the U.S. Justice Dept. was approved and will be used to fund a Police bicycle patrol.

Trustee William Keane announced a District 6 community meeting will be held March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Mr. Keane explained the Village of DesPlaines utilized information kiosks of a type that might be beneficial in Oak Lawn.

Keane also noted a timing device designed for cross walks at busy intersections is available at a cost of approximately \$550. The instrument would provide a readout of time available before traffic signals change.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announced a meeting with State Senator Patrick O'Malley is scheduled to address the proliferation of "Pay Day Loan" businesses.

Mr. Rosenbaum has in the past called for governmental regulation of these relatively new consumer services that provide short term loans at extremely high "annual" interest rates.

At least a half-dozen such firms have been established locally within the past year.

Mr. Rosenbaum announced a 4th district community meeting will be held April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner.

Trustee Robt. Streit announced his suggestion to prevent convicted sex offenders from congregating within 500 feet of a public park has been recently passed by a general assembly committee.

Streit noted the bill is "scheduled for a full House vote shortly and will likely become a State law."

Trustee Ronald Stancik reiterated his displeasure with the U.S. Postal Service regarding service on construction-choked Central Ave., as well as "unreliable" servicing of the mailbox located outside the Village Hall.

The Board unanimously approved a request by Oak Lawn Harley-Davidson to erect a seasonal tent at 11040 S. Cicero.

The first woman to hold the office of chief of protocol in the U.S. Department of State was former child star Shirley Temple Black in 1976.



Winter snow storm brings joy for local children in Oak Lawn

The snow storm of March, '99 brought a total of 10" within two days and the children on Parkside Avenue in Oak Lawn were enjoying the winter activity. With the help of Lynn Craig and her artistic favor, driving down Parkside Avenue became a pleasant experience.

Revised plan for third airport allows growth in air travel

Gov. George H. Ryan submitted a revised plan to the Federal Aviation Administration for a new major airport at the Peotone site in Will County - an airport that would have one runway and support facilities designed to grow only with the future demand for air travel.

The state Department of Transportation requested a review and approval of the revised plan, and asked the FAA to expeditiously process the Environmental Impact Statement for the project.

"This airport is designed to supplement O'Hare and Midway airports. Our goal with this plan is to increase air capacity for the Chicago region, not to relocate existing operations from other airports," Ryan said. "All projections show that the Chicago area will need extra capacity in the future. This airport provides the entire region with the ability to

expand air capacity as needed and to provide relief for the noise-weary suburbs around O'Hare International Airport.

"My goal is to make sure that Illinois — and the Chicago area — remains one of the nation's main air hubs in the 21st century."

Ryan pointed out that the U.S. Secretary of Transportation recently stated, "Before any flight plan for the next century can get off the ground, we need to have the system capacity to support it."

The new configuration for the Peotone site, called the "Inaugural Airport" in the plan, would consist of one 12,000 foot runway designed to handle the largest aircraft currently operating, a complete parallel taxiway system and a precision instrument landing system. This proposal is similar to the design Ryan unveiled last year during his cam-

paign for governor.

The 12 gate terminal suggested in the proposal would be designed to handle more than 2 million passengers expected during the first year, but could accommodate up to 4 million passengers within three years of the airport opening. One of the gates would be designed to handle up to eight commuter flights.

The Inaugural Airport will initially require 4,100 acres of land. Property acquisition will not start until the FAA processes the required Environmental Impact Statement for the proposal.

The estimated cost for the airport, including land and the roadway interchange with Interstate 57, is \$468 million. Construction of the airport would be financed through a combination of federal airport improvement dollars and private financing.

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Worth Meeting - March

By Jude Coyle

At 7:40 p.m. Village Clerk Pat Miller called roll at the Village of Worth Committee Meeting. Trustee Mark Meany, Sharon Wierenga, Frank Bonham, John O'Connell, Georgia Duffy, Edward Guzdziol and Attorney Donna McDonald attended. Trustee Frank Bonham acted as temporary chairman in Mayor James Bilder's absence.

Clerk Pat Miller read memos from President Bilder. One directed to Building Commissioner Joe Johnson announced Operation Compliance. The mayor thanked the building department for forcing landlords of the apartment buildings on Lloyd Drive to meet building codes, but instructed Commissioner Johnson to do more. Of approximately twenty buildings, eight or ten are an embarrassment. Shoddy sewers, deteriorating parking lots, broken windows, uncut grass, too many residents living in one apartment, broken locks, dirty apartments and grounds

littered with garbage has drawn complaints from area residents over the past years. The mayor directed Mr. Johnson that he is to seek legal action where necessary. Trustee Georgia Duffy, who is head of the committee dealing with the building department, was instructed in another memo to take charge of the actions, and to see that the residents of Lloyd are advised.

Mr. Steve Dell, of Kemper Sports, reported that the golf course staff is looking at logos, planning the opening day ceremonies and the May 17th Grand Opening.

Clerk Miller announced that absentee ballots are available in her office. She asked permission to send clerks from her office to An Introduction to Word and An Introduction to Windows 95 courses through District 218. The classes are \$25 each or \$250 for five clerks to attend both classes.

Trustee Meany asked that one of the old salt spreaders from the public works department be given to the park

district.

Trustee Wierenga asked the board to approve a business license for #1 Wholesale at 7011 W. 111th Street. They are a cell phone accessory store.

Trustee Bonham asked that an expenditure not to exceed \$775 so that Chief Wesselhoff can attend the F.D.I.C. Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 17 through 20 be approved.

Trustee Duffy asked the board approve an expenditure of \$885 for three updated code books for the building department. She also asked that two file cabinets, costing \$520, are purchased for the building department.

Trustee Guzdziol reported that Perry Labs has confirmed that Worth's water is safe for consumption. The public works department is trying to tie in the maintenance building at the golf course to the sanitary sewers. The clubhouse is next. Also a storm sewer is being added to the

parking lot.

Mr. Guzdziol recommended that Worth take NICOR's offer to pay cash in place of free franchise gas, and that the village should sign a three year contract with Santana to purchase natural gas. He asked the board to authorize the attorney to draw up the papers.

All of the above requests were placed on the Consent Agenda.

The meeting was opened to residents. A man residing at 107th and New England asked that the street light outside his home be repaired again. Edison has been called several times but has not responded. Trustee Meany promised that he would look into it.

Another man asked if walking and bike paths surrounding the golf course are still planned. Although nothing has been done yet, a path is still part of the plans.

The Committee Meeting ended at 8:05 p.m. The regular meeting of the Worth Village Board began

Video bond hearings underway in Cook County

Individuals arrested on drug crimes in Cook County are now making court appearances through a "video booking" system that allows them to appear before a judge for their bond hearings without actually being transported to court. Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced Sunday.

Since the pilot program was launched one month ago, more than 2,000 defendants have appeared for bond hearings at the Criminal Courts Building at 26th and California utilizing the new system. At a press conference Sunday in the new courtroom where the system is installed, Sheahan called the early results of the project "extremely encouraging."

"Video technology has been implemented successfully in courts and jails across the country and based on what we have seen so far with our system, we feel it will serve us well here in Cook County," Sheahan said.

Implementation of the system is intended to ease

security concerns that exist when sheriff's deputies and correctional officers are required to move large numbers of criminal defendants to court appearances at the Criminal Courts Building. In

High Tech System to expand after successful test period

addition, early results show the system is expediting the time required for judges, court personnel and sheriff's officers to conduct the entire bond court hearing process.

"Transporting large numbers of detainees to court on a daily basis is a dangerous and difficult job and we feel strongly that this system can reduce the safety and security risks associated with that task," Sheahan said. "In the long term, it appears the system will have a positive impact on reducing manpower requirements for everyone involved in the courtroom setting, from the judge and

the attorneys to clerks and Sheriff's personnel."

Since the program began January 28, a daily average of 100 defendants have appeared in video bond court during a late morning court call that lasts approximately 1-1/2 hours. With the early success of the program, Sheriff's officials are working with the Cook County judiciary, the Chicago Police Department and other

principals in the criminal justice system to phase out night bond court at 26th and California and replace it with a second video bond court call to be held in the afternoon. That is expected to begin in June. Additionally, planning is underway to expand the video court calls to include all felony bond hearings except for defendants facing murder and sexual assault charges. Those defendants will continue to be required to appear at bond hearings in person. To date, video bond court has been limited to narcotic cases.

at 8:25 p.m.

The board voted on the mayor's recommendation appointing Sergeant Jim Hudson to the post of Deputy Police Chief. Trustee Guzdziol voted against it. Judge William Prendergast, Fourth District of the Circuit Court in Maywood, and resident of Palos Hills, swore Sergeant Hudson in. His Honor said that as a former police officer, he was proud to be able to perform this duty. Jim Hudson is a policeman's policeman. Chief Frank Gilbert presented the insignia of rank. He called Deputy Chief Hudson dedicated. Jim showed Gilbert the ropes when he took the job as chief. Deputy Chief Hudson thanked everyone and said that he was looking forward to working with everyone in this capacity.

Next the Consent Agenda was voted on and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 16.

Saving Social Security for the 21st century

By Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner of Social Security

The "Aging of America" represents the first great challenge of the coming century. The number of older Americans will more than double in the next 30 years, and we must find a way to provide for their retirement without unduly burdening succeeding generations. As President Clinton has said, "We must save Social Security for the 21st century."

Social Security has been the solid, dependable foundation for retirement security for more than 60 years. It is not only the most successful domestic government program in history, but is one of the great achievements of America's 20th century. Today, only about 11 percent of older Americans are poor; but without it, more than half of older Americans would be living in poverty. About one-third of our beneficiaries are not retirees, but are severely disabled workers or the surviving family members of workers.

I believe the program is irreplaceable, and in his recent State of the Union address,

President Clinton proposed long-range Social Security financing reform measures that would strengthen this program through the middle of the 21st century.

Specifically, the president has proposed that 62% of the Federal budget surplus over the next 15 years be transferred to Social Security. This represents a commitment of an added \$2.8 trillion to the Social Security trust funds. I believe that the American people will strongly support this proposal. In this era of prosperity there can be no better use for these historic budget surpluses than for ensuring retirement security for millions of Americans.

The president has also proposed investing a small part - about 20 percent - of the transferred surplus in the private market.

Under current law, trust fund reserves may only be invested in U.S. government securities. Those securities are the safest investments available, but they return a relatively low rate of inter-

est. Stocks over time have returned about 7 percent annually after inflation, while bonds have yielded about half that. Diversifying the trust fund investment to include stocks would produce more "investment income" and reduce the projected shortfall. It would provide a higher rate of return with minimal risk.

The value of the total U.S. stock market is now about \$11.5 trillion. Social Security's investment would represent only about 4% of total money in the stock market. By comparison, state and local pension funds now represent more than twice that figure - about 10% of total stock market investments. If state and local pensions had not, years ago, gone in the direction of a diversified portfolio, then states and localities would have had to increase taxes or curtail pension significantly.

Treasury Secretary Rubin characterized this approach as a "prudent balance between achieving some addi-

tional wealth and, at the same time not exposing the Social Security Trust Fund to imprudent levels of risk. The secretary further noted that "if in fact the stock market does go down, beneficiaries, would not be at risk, because the federal government stands behind the Social Security benefits."

The administration recognizes that appropriate safeguards are needed to avoid politicizing the investment process, and under the president's proposal, the administration and congress together would craft a plan that ensures independent management without political interference. Funds would be invested by private money managers, not by government.

I believe these are the best first steps to ensuring long-range Social Security solvency. Others have contended over the past year that we should use a payroll tax reduction to fund the creation of individual investment accounts, which workers could invest as they wish.

The proposal has attracted

some support because it offers freedom of choice and control of investments. This proposal taps into strong American values. But it is also fraught with problems, and I believe it would move us in the wrong direction.

Under these proposals the guaranteed economic security provided by Social Security would be reduced. Rather than providing the advance funding that can help ensure a foundation of benefit payments to retirees in the coming century, carve-out proposals would take tax dollars from the Social Security trust fund reserves. As President Clinton noted in his State of the Union Address, we should "not drain resources from Social Security in the name of saving it."

Also under these proposals, individuals would be exposed to fluctuations in the market, and while, over time, the stock market has outperformed any other investment vehicle, individual workers would have to hope that providence provides the timing for them to retire in a

bull market, and not a bear market.

This doesn't always happen.

In Chile, for example, the defined benefit pension system was converted largely into a private savings plan in 1981. The old Chilean system did need reform. Pension annuities are largely determined by individual contributions and investment choices. For many years a strong market allowed the private pension plans to surpass their targeted rates of return. But the Chilean market is now in a period of downturn, and individual investors must bear the burden of market risk.

Recently the head of the Chilean Social Security system asked workers considering retirement to delay their decisions until the value of their private investments stabilized.

As your Social Security Commissioner, I never want to be put in that position.

We need to maintain a program that will always provide a solid financial foundation for retirement.

Letter to the Editor

Village View,
Attn. Frank Soczek:

As a Senior Citizen and taxpayer of Oak Lawn...there are many seniors worried about how their taxes are being spent

and controlled by 3 commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park Board. These 3 want a permanent theater provided by our taxes. At the present theater, which is also a gym, it has been reported that out of the cast of 46 performers, only 6 live in Oak Lawn. Why should these 3 continue to spend our money and build

a facility for those who do not support the community?

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J. Waite,
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Taxpayer

Chicago Flower and Garden Show on Navy Pier

The Chicago Flower and Garden Show Hocus Crocus! Spring Magic Blooms returns for its fifth anniversary on Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., now through March 21. Presented by Ace Hardware, this year's show features 30 gardens with themes that include "Where the Wild Things Are," Peter Rabbit's "Mr. McGregor's Garden," the "Ultimate Garden Pond," floral interpretations of the works of several French Impressionists, a rose lover's paradise and a ver-

sion of Holland's famous Keukenhof Gardens. These gardens magically transform the cement and glass exhibition hall of Navy Pier into a lush botanical wonderland full of color. The show also offers a variety of seminars for every age and skill level and fun activities for kids and families. With over 150 garden product and education booths, gardeners will find the latest and traditional best in gardening.

The show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday

through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9 adults on weekdays and \$10.50 on weekend. Admission for children 12 and under is \$4 on weekdays and \$10.50 on weekend. Admission for children 12 and under is \$4 on weekdays and \$5 on weekends. Two dollar off discount coupons are available exclusively at Ace Hardware. For more information call (312) 321-0077 or view the show's web site at www.chicagoflower.com.



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St. Patrick's Day

The South Side Irish Parade

by Jude-Coyle

A sign on the Gaelic Park float read, "From a great hunger came a great people." The sign refers to the great Irish potato famine. Rather than starve like so many thousands had in Ireland during the last century, waves of Irish immigrants settled here. Today their descendants are integrated into every facet of American life. With that in mind a human sea of green gathered under terrific blue skies and the bright sun to celebrate.

Children had shamrocks painted on their cheeks. Adults and children wore Kelly green hats or green foam shamrock visors. At noon, the Chicago Police Department lead off the 21 annual south side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade, heading south on Western from 101st street. The first entry was the old ladder truck recently acquired by the Blue Island Historical Society. Next came fire trucks from nearby suburbs, and a trio of motorcycle police officers. The sirens faded away and it suddenly seemed the parade had come to an end. Those lining the parade route, buttoned their jackets up against

the wind, adjusted hoods and hats and stamped their feet for warmth.

When at last the parade began again, several units of Korean War Veterans marched. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of what is called the 'forgotten war', the Veterans assumed the role of the Grand Marshals. They stepped lively to the strains of bagpipes and drums played by Stockyard Kilty Band. The Knights of Columbus of Marquette floated by on their rendition of the Santa Maria. Several veterans groups, Irish dance units with little girls in colorful Celtic frocks, Knights of Columbus units, the F.O.P., Chicago Fire Fighters Union and several trade unions marched or rode on floats. Parishioners from St. Cajetans, St. Walters, Old St. Patricks, and several other churches marched.

High school marching bands, including Marist, Brother Rice, and Morgan Park; trolleys rented by politicians and large Irish clans; pipe and drum corps, floats from local businesses; foundations like Blue Cap and the American Red Cross; C.B.S., and N.B.C. were represented.

The Irish American Alliance was joined by County Derry Boxing Club from County Derry in Ireland. Leprechauns in green hats, ties and tails, Minnie Mouse, Mickey Mouse, Barney the Dinosaur and Arthur the Aardvark roamed along the curbs and cavorted with the wee ones. On a somber note, fallen Chicago policeman John C. Knight has been memorialized on several floats.

Participants battled gusts of wind to hang onto banners and flags, and spectators sipped hot liquids and huddled close. Before the parade came to an end three hours later, and in spite of the fun, many gave into the cold.



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Committee finalizes Sertoma's "Really BIG Auction"

Chicago Bear Great, Dan Hampton, will be hosting Sertoma's eight annual "Really BIG Auction" on Saturday, March 27th. The location is the Greater Chicago Auto Auction, 12161 S. Central Ave., Alsip. The silent auction runs 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. The live auction is 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is FREE. One hundred percent of all proceeds benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc., Alsip, a facility that serves individuals with disabilities in 65 south/southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago.

Sertoma's auction committee has done an excellent

job of securing hundreds of items that will interest guests of all ages. Categories include, sports, golf, merchandise of all kinds, entertainment and travel, health and beauty, arts and crafts, celebrities, and much more. Items range from the Mis-fit Toy Collection, a complete set of McDonald's Teeny Beanie Babies, to Walter Payton and Bulls memorabilia.

Pizza, sandwiches and salad will be available from Aurelio's of Alsip. A gourmet coffee bar will be supplied by the Plush Horse of Palos Park. A bake sale table and cash bar will also be

available.

New this year is the Celebrity Circle where guests can attend an exclusive reception with Dan Hampton. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a photo taken with Dan Hampton will be included. There is a limit of one item to be signed per guest. Admission to the Celebrity Circle is \$25 per person. There will be a limited number of tickets sold which are on sale now. For information or tickets to the Celebrity Circle, please call the Sertoma Centre Development Office, 708-371-9700.

Beissmann speaks at St. Fabian Phoenix Group meeting

St. Fabian Phoenix Group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month will feature Caron Beissmann. On Thursday, March 25, Ms. Beissmann will speak on "Adjusting to Change." Caron is a popular speaker with local church and community groups. She herself is a divorced mom who raised four children and will speak on how to adjust to unexpected changes in your life. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8 p.m. in the Parish Social Center, 8300 S. Oketo Avenue, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at 708/458-8923, or Tom and Marianne at 708/499-5377.

DisneyQuest and ESPN Zone to open in summer

Disney regional entertainment announced opening dates and unveiled architectural renderings for its two new entertainment venues coming to Chicago this summer. DisneyQuest, Disney's indoor interactive theme park, and ESPN Zone, a sports-themed dining and entertainment complex. DisneyQuest, located at Rush and Ohio Streets, will celebrate its grand opening on Wednesday, June 16th, and ESPN Zone, located in the same development at the corner of Wabash Ave. and Ohio St., will host grand opening festivities on July 10th.

DisneyQuest is a five-story, 100,000 square foot, indoor interactive theme park that combines Disney's magic with cutting-edge technologies, such as virtual reality, to provide adventures for guests of all ages.

ESPN Zone is a two-story, 35,000 square-foot facility, which immerses sports fans of all ages into a three-dimensional ESPN experience, combining interactive games and live broadcasting with great American grill food in the ultimate sports-viewing environment.

Bridgeview hosts Spring "Eggs" travaganza and Egg Scramble

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, will be hosting "Spring 'Eggs' travaganza on Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m., followed by their annual "Egg Scramble" at 11 a.m. in the gymnasium.

The fee for the "Eggs" travaganza is \$3 per person for residents and \$6 per person for all others. Children 12 months and under are free. Preregistration in person by March 19 and proof of residency is required.

A variety of family activities will be conducted on this day, including games, face painting, and Egg Scramble. Donuts and juice will be served, and visits with Peter Cottontail will be available

too. A spring treat will be given to each child in attendance. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

At the Egg Scramble youth two through 12 years of age are invited to run for valuable eggs and the prizes they contain during this special activity. There is no charge for park district residents. The non district rate per child to participate in the Egg Scramble is \$1 per child.

No preregistration is necessary for participation in this event, though adults must present proof of residency at the door. For more information call 708/594-1818.

Illinois BPW State Treasurer to install new officers at Spring Dinner

Lucille Crocilla, District 2 Director has announced new district officers will be installed by Mary Ceja, Treasurer of the Illinois Federation of Business & Professional Women, following election at the Annual Spring Dinner. The dinner is set for Wednesday evening, March 24, at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel. Networking begins at

6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., at a cost of \$13.00 per person.

Highlights of the evening will include a review of this past year's activities in District 2, and a special presentation by Gaile Sprissler, winner of the local Individual Development Course Speak-Off. Ms. Sprissler will represent District 2 in the statewide IDC competition to be held at the Illinois State Convention at the Lisle-Naperville Hilton, April 23rd.

For reservation contact Lucille Crocilla (evenings) at 708-448-3253.

St. Albert Phoenix group holds RAP Session

The St. Albert Phoenix Group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month will feature a RAP Session on Tuesday, March

23, doors open at 7:30 p.m. and meetings start at 8 p.m. It will be a time to share experiences and feelings with others going through your same situation. Please note, that whatever is discussed at the session is strictly confidential. A RAP session will allow you to express your feelings and emotions with others there to help support you. This meeting will be held at St. Albert the Great, 5555 S. State Road.

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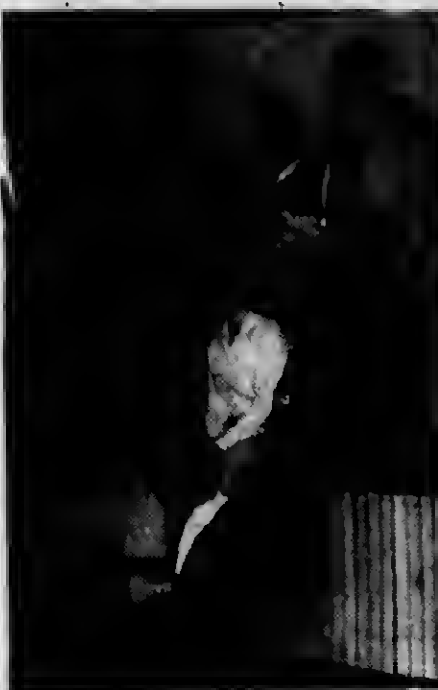
March 26, 27 (Matinee and Evening), 28 (Sunday Matinee)

By Georgean Fitzgerald

Beverly Hills University Club presents MAME, the musical MAME opens on March 26 for four performances at the Beverly Art Center. A perennial favorite it tells the story of an extroverted woman who lives a flamboyant life with many eclectic friends. When she becomes the guardian of a nephew, Patrick, all stops are pulled out as she lights the candles, fills the punch bowl and celebrates. First produced at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York City in 1966, MAME has stood the passage of time. Executive producers Mike and Bobbie Maty of Evergreen Park together with their co-producers Eve and Barry Averill and Bob Goebel of Beverly and Kathy Moroney of Chicago Ridge, are pleased to offer this production of MAME. The top-notch cast consists of Ellen Micotto,

Chicago, as Mame with principal and chorus members Stephen Bell, Kevin Buscemi, Deanna Heffron, Dick Seaman, and Grace and Mark Siwa of Evergreen Park, Julie Zebbleckis of Bolingbrook; Sharon Canariato, Palos Hills; Helen Dimas, Sigmund Erber, Georgean Fitzgerald, Lisa Girona, Eric Hamrysz, Raymond Hodson, Barb, Gene and Julie Kolenda, Jim Madden, Mary McDermott, Bonnie Ryniec, Sue Schneider, Patrick Tierney, all of Chicago; Katie Doyle, Vanessa Eichas, Dave Heilman, Oak Lawn; Barb Curran, Orland Hills; Marty Donovan, Orland Park; Bob Gray, Palos Heights; Chuck Ferrini, Donald Fitzgibbons, Burbank; Althea Hopp, Richton Park; Amy Kazan, Hickory Hills; Marie Griffin, Crestwood; Jill Schechtman, Homewood;

Erik Schiefelbhein, Mokena; John Risser, Linda Thusing, Markham; Mary Redmon, Hometown; Marjorie McCaw, Alsip; Karen Rogers, Lemont. The director is Paul Nirchi, Orland Park; Music Director Chris Dimas; Choral Director Pianist Dianne Madden; Choreographer Tom Fagan; Assistant Director Jennifer Thusing.



St. Bernadette hosts St. Patrick and St. Joseph celebration

On March 20, the Saint Bernadette School Board will be hosting a St. Patrick and St. Joseph Parish Celebration. The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. This is an important fund raiser to help support the Catholic School.

The evening will give participants a chance to get-together, renew some old friendships and begin new ones, and just have some fun. There will be plenty of food and entertainment, as well as raffle packages and a silent auction. This will provide a final opportunity to purchase a Blue and Gold Raffle Ticket, which will be drawn that night for a prize of \$25,000.

Admission is \$20.00 per person and includes corn beef sandwiches, salads, and desserts from the St. Joseph Table. A D.J. and Irish dancers will provide entertainment. A cash bar will also have a selection of beer, wine and pop to choose from.

Guests are asked to bring one of your favorite salads or desserts to share and a can of food to be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry for the Needy.

Borders host musical story time

Borders on 95th is sponsoring an Education Forum on Saturday, March 20 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., with guests from The Rainbow House

Women's Resource Center and Institute for Choosing Non-Violence. Bring your children for musical story time. Borders is located at 2210 W. 95th Street.

For more information call Sarah 773/445-5471 or Rita at 773/238-5411.

Alsip Scholarship applications available

Applications are now available for the 1999 scholarship funding year. This program is intended to assist Alsip residents or employees and immediate family members of companies who are members of the Alsip Chamber of Commerce and the Alsip Industrial Association, who show the need for financial assistance and the desire to begin or continue post high school training at an accredited university, college, career, business or trade school.

Applicants must be an Alsip resident, high school senior, or graduate, or immediate family member of employees of the Alsip Chamber of Commerce and the Alsip Industrial Association members. Scholarships will be awarded for the fall, 1999

semester.

Applications are available through public and private high schools that serve Alsip or by calling the Alsip Scholarship Fund at 708-597-2668. The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 16, at 3 p.m.

Scholarships will be announced in June and awarded at Alsip Summerfest June 27th.

To date over \$69,000 in scholarships have been awarded from Alsip Chamber of Commerce/Alsip Industrial Association and Florence Andrews Memorial Fund.

For applications or information on contributing to this fund, contact the Alsip Chamber of Commerce at 708/597-2668 for details.



Salli Liscano, of Strands Hair Salon in Oak Lawn, Marilyn Wohlberg, Little Company Auxiliary General Chairperson, Peggy Young, Auxiliary secretary, Rosemarie Lamb, of Blake-Lamb Funeral Home and fashion coordinator of the Reflections Fashion Show this year.

Little Company Auxiliary Fashion Show planning begins

Little Company of Mary Hospital's Auxiliary, staff, and friends recently joined with area merchants at the Martinique Restaurant's penthouse suite, to socialize and begin planning the 1999 Reflections Fashion Show. Mary Ann Fitzgerald, of Finer Foods, Inc., is general chairperson of the event, which takes place Tuesday, March 23 at the Martinique.

The Reflections Fashion Show is the hospital's annual fund raiser, attracting 1,700 guests annually. The planning party matched models with boutiques such as

Bellissimo, Inc. of Oak Lawn, Hansen's Villa of Manhattan, Kimberly Bond Boutique of Orland Park, Lili of Trieste of Hickory Hills, Karizma Clothiers of Naperville, Lillie Rubin of Oak Brook, and Sashe Boutique of Palos Park. Event models include members of the hospital community as well as representatives from community organizations, schools and churches, showing their support for the work of Little Company. A children's fashion show will be the highlight of the evening.

Proceeds from the event

will go to help various programs and services at Little Company. Past events have helped provide new equipment for the Regional Cancer Center, establish a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, fund remodeling of the Adult Day Care Center, and purchase portable echocardiographic equipment for in-home visits. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m. with following dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$45 per person. For tickets and further information, please call 708/229-5447.

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Actors roles are not 'dwarfed' in kid's theater

By Joyce Macey

John Steven Crowley of Chicago has no trouble juggling two roles at one time. From the rocking "Elvis Presley was a Black Man" where he plays dual roles in some of America's top blues performers like Fats Domino to pretending to be a dwarf in the current "Snow White" at Evergreen Park's Drury Lane Children's Theater through May 2.

"I may be a larger person, but I can really move," laughed Crowley. He began singing, thanks to his mother's influence, when he was a child and used to pretend to be a conductor when mom put on classical records in their home in Chicago's South Side.

"Kids are so appreciative.

They like nothing more than seeing adults fall on their face. We have a whole work-out process we do for "Elvis" so that procedure really helps me in this active role as a dwarf," said the musical actor. This also includes speed walking two miles a day and lifting weights.

"I come from a family that likes a good time. Probably one of the reasons I got the part in "Elvis" was the fact that even as a kid I used to imitate the great singers much to the delight of my relatives at family get-togethers," he added.

Some of his imitations included Dean Martin and Smokey Robinson. Crowley said he would love to make a transition to films someday and plans on enrolling in

dance class.

Meanwhile he's staying gainfully employed doing the thing he loves. Crowley appeared in "Of Mice and Men" at Loop College and in the wildly successful "Ain't Misbehavin'" at Drury Lane in Kansas City.

Marc Robin, Artistic Director at Drury Lane wrote the play and music to "Snow White - A Musical Fairy Tale." Call 422-0404 for tickets and information. For "Elvis Presley was a Black Man" at the Black Ensemble Theater at 4520 N. Beacon St. in Chicago call 773-769-4451. Production was written, directed and choreographed by Jackie Taylor.

Michael Haws is "Merlin" in "Snow White." Haws was once told he could never make a living in show business. He has proved that

prophecy wrong.

After getting his major in broadcasting for ISU in Central Illinois, Haws spent one year with a Christian vocal ensemble. At the end of that stint he figured if there was anything he wanted to do with his career he'd better do it or live to regret it.

Haws took a singing waiter job which led to being gainfully employed as an

actor in dinner theater and working as a performer on

cruise ships for seven months out of a year.

"This was a great time. I was doing what I loved, plus I could do all the scuba diving I could fit in," the actor added.

He's appeared quite regularly at Drury Lane Theater for John Lazzara. Productions like "West Side Story" and the upcoming "La Cauge Aux Faux" in early April.

"I have places (theaters) that know my work

so it's easier to get hired," said Haws.

"The wonderful part about appearing in children's theater is that each child is ready to be transported to another world through our acting. In "Snow White" I also play the woodsmen," said the actor.

Haws who lives in the Wrigley Field area of Chicago says in his spare time he loves to bake and his co-actors love the "doggy bags" he brings from his oven.



The Brothers Grimm fairy tale "Snow White" was never politically correct...until now! Based on the classic story, this premiere production of "Snow White - A Musical Fairy Tale," with book, music and lyrics by Marc Robin, Artistic Director of Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park, with direction and choreography by Robin, will run on a limited performance schedule through May 2. The Seven Dwarfs (left to right) are Robert Miller as (Ebenezer) Scrooge; Steve Hillebrand as (Christopher) Columbus; Rob Rahn as (Sigmund) Freud; Mark Hawbecker Confucius; Michael Haws as Merlin; John Steven Crowley as Martin (Luther King, Jr.); and David Grolmo as (Enrico) Caruso.

Original Irish recipe, Beef and Guinness Stew

Carmichael's Chicago Steak House has the Erin Go Bragh fever. After listening to some customers touting the delectable Beef and Guinness Stew on a recent

visit to Sheila's in Killarney, Ireland, Carmichael's chef Brian Reed, called Ireland and spoke directly to the owner of Sheila's. Sheila shares her unusual recipe for

Muffins hint blueberries

Blueberry Muffins

Preparation time: 15 min.

Baking time: 24 minutes

Muffins

- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

Topping

- 1/4 cup sugar

1. Heat oven to 400°. In large bowl combine milk, butter and egg. Add all remaining muffin ingredients except blueberries. Stir just until flour is moistened. Gently stir in blueberries.
2. Spoon into greased 12-cup muffin pan. Bake for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Cool slightly; remove from pan.
3. Dip tops of muffins in

Beef and Guinness Stew.

Located in the West Loop Gate neighborhood at 1052 West Monroe, Carmichael's will be properly celebrating St. Patrick's Day. A special menu of traditional Irish fare has been planned including lamb stew, corned beef and cabbage and an original recipe (directly from Sheila's in Killarney) of Beef and Guinness Stew to

melted butter, then in sugar. 1 dozen

Beyond the Basics

Lemon-Blueberry Muffins: Stir in 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel with the flour.

Raspberry-White Chocolate Chip Muffins: Substitute 1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries for blueberries. Gently stir in 1/2 cup vanilla flavored white chocolate chips with the raspberries.

Tricks of the Trade

- It's important to use the size of pan specified in recipes. If the pan is not deep enough, the filling will bubble over the side and create a mess. To avoid oven messes, place a cookie sheet under the pan on the rack below to catch any overflow.
- Store leftovers, covered, in refrigerator up to 3 days.
- When using a glass baking dish, reduce oven temperature by 25 degrees.

delight the palate of the customers.

Menu only available on Wednesday, March 17. Open from 11 a.m. Dining room service until 11 p.m. Complimentary valet parking for both lunch and dinner. All major credit cards accepted. Reservations recommended.

Beef and Guinness Stew

- 2/3 lb. Sirloin steak, cubed
- 1/2 cup flour
- Oil for frying
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 carrots, sliced
- 1 teaspoon parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1 cup beef broth or stock
- 2 12 oz. bottles Guinness

Dip beef in flour and coat on all sides. Saute onions in oil. When golden brown, add garlic for one minute. Remove onion and garlic and set aside. Add beef in batches to remainder of oil and fry until meat is brown on all sides. Reduce heat and add remaining flour. Add stock slowly to form thick sauce. Add Guinness and simmer. Add onion, garlic, carrots, parsley and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Stir all ingredients and do not cover. Simmer 1 - 2 hours.

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By Kathy Whirly

Irish Traditions

On St. Patrick's Day, it makes no difference if your name starts with an O or ends with a Shi, everyone will celebrate the tradition and joy of being Irish. In keeping with tradition, the Chicago River will reflect a 'different' color green this time of year in honor of St. Paddy's Day. Green food coloring will magically change the color of many an Irish head, some of which belong to grandmas, who have been celebrating more St. Patrick's Days than they'd care to admit. Mugs of beer will also be drank in their greenest gusto.

Gaelic Park will be alive with the sounds of the Emerald Isle as bag pipes play the tunes that always put a stirring in our hearts and souls, of a far away place our ancestors called home.

McDonald's will also celebrate with their tradition of serving shamrock shakes, which you may still find colored green, long after the bag pipes stop playing.

In keeping with tradition, we'll enjoy our corned beef and cabbage dinners, while our Irish eyes will be smiling as we share in a chorus of "Danny Boy." Celebrations on this day will conjure up thought of leprechauns and pots of gold at the end of rainbows.

Oh what a proud day it is to be Irish!! And as we raise a toast to cheer our family and friends, may we also remember our ancestors before us, who traveled to this country and gave us reason to stand tall and so very proud of our Irish heritage.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

May the luck of the Irish be with you always. May you find your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

And may your Irish eyes hold a twinkle of hope, for on this day all the world is Irish, or at least having a great time pretending to be.

No legacy is so rich as honesty.

—Shakespeare

Take a magical mystery tour at The Museum of Science and Industry

Darkness is all around you when suddenly beams of light cut across a celestial sky to the sounds of Pink Floyd's, "Dark Side of the Moon." As beams of light converge to form images of cash registers, primitive masks, and classical pillars, you know your journey has just begun.

The Museum of Science and Industry welcomes you to trip the light fantastic when it opens its new series, OmniLaser Fantasy, at the Henry Crown Space Center's Omnimax Theater on March 19. Each laser light show features music compilations of some of rock's top artists including The Beatles, Pink Floyd, The Beastie Boys, and Nirvana.

"The Museum of Science and Industry's Omnimax theater is the ideal place for viewers to witness laser shows," said Davin Flateau,

The Music of Pink Floyd, The Beatles, The Beastie Boys and Nirvana to be featured

director of operations at Laser Fantasy International, the shows' producer. "The museum's theater offers one of the largest motion picture sound systems in the world and this is the only theater in Chicago where you're surrounded by a five-story dome screen. Participants can't help but feel part of the OmniLaser world."

The OmniLaser shows will

be shown Thursday through Sunday at the Henry Crown Space Center at the Museum of Science and Industry. There will be three shows on

Thursday and Sunday (Beatles laser Anthology at 6:30 p.m., Pink Floyd's "Welcome to the Machine" at 7:30 p.m., and Laser Nirvana at 9 p.m.), and five shows on Fri-

day and Saturday (Beatles Laser Anthology at 6:30 p.m., Pink Floyd's "Welcome to the Machine" at 7:30 p.m., Laser Nirvana at 9 p.m., Laser Beastie Boys at 10:30 p.m., and Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" at midnight). The prices for admission are adults \$7.50, seniors \$6.50, and \$5.00 for children under

Clothesline Project "Breaks the Silence" for female victims of violence

On March 24 and 25, Saint Xavier University and the Sisters of Mercy will cosponsor The Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project is a special exhibit of shirts designed by survivors of violence against women that will be viewed from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Andrew Conference Center located on the University's main campus at 3700 W. 103rd Street.

By displaying shirts designed by survivors of violence against women, The Clothesline Project provides healing for survivors of violence, educates the public about violence, and offers prevention techniques. Because the exhibit often evokes strong emotions from viewers, representatives of Saint Xavier University's Counseling Psychology Master's De-

gree Program will provide on-site counseling on both days.

The shirts displayed in The Clothesline Project hang side by side to "Break the Silence" and bear witness to the severity of violence against women. The shirts are designed by survivors or family and friends of a woman victim of violence.

The Clothesline Project displays and accepts shirts year round. Shirts are sent to The Chicagoland & Suburban Clothesline Project, 700 Ravinia, Orland Park, IL 60462.

Dr. Denise Frasier-Vaselakos started The Clothesline Project of Chicagoland & Suburbs in 1993 modeled after the original project started in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Today there are about 250 Clothesline

Project lines across the United States, with Chicagoland & Suburban Project being one of the largest and most active in the country.

Diane Bedrosian, Director of South Suburban family shelter, will speak about the local role of her organization in protecting women and their families in dangerous domestic situations, and provide information relevant to students about other gender violence at 2 p.m. on March 24, SXU Campus Ministry and Sister of Mercy Christian Molitor will present an image-guided prayer service for victims of domestic violence at 3:30 p.m. also on March 24.

The project will be illuminated at Saint Xavier University's Andrew Conference Center lobby on the evening of March 24.

Oak Lawn Garden Club announce next meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 25 at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:15 a.m., Room 9. The club will have a pressed flowers work shop to make book marks and note paper. For more information, call Marge Clinkman at 708/424-4846.

Zickus protects domestic abuse victims

For four dollars, anyone can request a vehicle registration search of an individual and obtain personal information including that person's home address. State Representative Anne Zickus (R-48, Palos Hills), has sponsored House Bill 2824 which requires mandatory notification to domestic abuse victims if someone has made such a request.

HB-2824, which passed out of the Transportation Committee on Tuesday, requires the Secretary of State's Office to notify a beneficiary of an order of protection (under the Domestic Violence Act of 1986) if he receives a request for purchase of the beneficiary's vehicle title or registration information.

"People who are under an order of protection, who obviously have been threatened, have the basic right to know when someone is seeking information about them," said Rep. Zickus. "Mandatory notification provides victims with an extra measure of added protection." House Bill 2824 now moves to the full House for consideration.

Join Evergreen Park seniors at council meeting

Evergreen Park Senior Citizens' Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. The board meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. The general meeting follows at approximately 10 a.m. After the business portion of the meeting, a program of interest is presented. Village residents are invited and encouraged to attend the program.

March 18 meeting - LCMH Home Medical Equipment

April 15 meeting - LCMH Lisa Micetich will speak on nutrition

The council is comprised of representatives of Evergreen Park Civic and Service Clubs, senior Citizens' Clubs and Members-at-Large. The purpose of the council is to promote and improve the quality of life for all senior citizens residing in the village.

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Woven furniture, especially wicker, first gained popularity in the United States around 1900. In 1917 Marshall B. Lloyd developed a patented process of weaving tightly twisted craft paper wrapped around wires to create a unique wicker fiber. He began creating what would become an American classic: Lloyd Loom furniture. His company, Lloyd Manufacturing, survives to this day as part of Lloyd/Flanders industries.

Some wicker furniture from that era lives on thanks to its sturdy construction. Wicker's reputation as casual-yet-durable is well-earned; it can be surprisingly easy to care for. To help you get the best use of your wicker furniture, Lloyd/Flanders offers some cleaning and maintenance tips. Soon those sticky lemonade spills will come right off the arms of your favorite rocker, and you won't worry about those runaway ice cream drips on your chair.

• Most wicker is made of tightly-woven fiber strands over a wood or steel frame. Because a variety of natural and synthetic materials can



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be used, including willow, reed, rattan, or spirally twisted paper, most wicker pieces and their frames can be cleaned with soap and water. When you clean your wicker, mix a mild detergent and plenty of water, and use a wet sponge to wipe soil from the surface. Be sure to rinse thoroughly and allow it to dry completely before use.

• As with any fine outdoor furniture, the paint finish must be maintained in order to protect the furniture from the elements and ensure its lasting strength and beauty. If the finish on your wicker furniture becomes worn, repaint the area while the furniture is completely clean and dry. Allow the paint to cure thoroughly before use.

• If the finish on the frame becomes scratched or chipped, lightly sand the problem area with a fine grit (400) sandpaper, clean and dry, then touch up with spray paint. If you have steel framed wicker furniture, be sure to remove any rust with

sandpaper or a wire brush before re-painting it.

• Finishing wicker with a special protective seal to guard against wear and tear will extend its life even further and make care even easier. Check with a local hardware store to find out the best way to seal your wicker. Lloyd/Flanders seals their wicker with a latex and polyester finish which protects the non-corrosive wires within the fiber weave. This special finish is virtually maintenance-free—a good coat of spray-on auto wax will help keep the furniture looking new. Protecting your wicker's finish will do more than just keep it looking great throughout the season—it will also help prolong the life of your furniture.

With a little care you can look forward to spending many sunny afternoons in your favorite wicker rocker, chair or chaise. For more information about caring for wicker furniture, call (800) 526-9894 ext. 258 for a free Lloyd/Flanders catalog, effectively," according to the booklet.

"If you are like most Americans, buying a home is the largest investment you will make in your lifetime. To protect that investment, you should feel confident that your community association has the expert professional guidance necessary to operate and manage its assets

CAI is a nonprofit association created in 1973 to educate and represent the nation's 205,000 community associations.

To receive the free booklet, you can call 703-548-8600 or visit CAI's web site at www.caionline.org.

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Free Help For Condo/Homeowner Associations

(NAPS)—Does your condominium, cooperative or homeowner association have the specialized professional guidance it needs?

A free consumer booklet from the Community Associations Institute (CAI), called *Degrees of Excellence*, provides detailed information on the experience, training, continuing education and ethics requirements for managers, attorneys and others who are experts in serving community associations.

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Get In The Swim With A Pool Professional

(NAPS)—If you find yourself swimming through a maze of choices in pool design, installation and equipment, teaming up with a CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL® can make the process of buying and caring for your pool almost as satisfying as your first dip into cool water on a hot day.

Enlisting the services of an expert who's been trained and certified by the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI), the nation's largest membership organization of pool professionals, is also the best way to save money and add years to the life of your pool. Many states have set standards for spa and pool safety, construction and chemical regulation, yet few require state licensing for service technicians. So, how do you know which pool technician has professional expertise?

How to Select a Pool Professional

In 1989, a uniform nationwide standard (instituted as a certification program) was established as the first of its kind by NSPI whose experts train, test and retest pool service technicians before certifying them as service professionals and designating them as such.

The CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL® designation means the technician

has successfully completed a comprehensive technical education program approved by NSPI. And, to ensure that these professionals stay on top of the latest technology and procedures, they are required to continue their education or undergo periodic retesting to retain their right to use the CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL® designation.

"When customers work with a CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL®, they're assured of getting the industry's most highly skilled experts," said Roger Galvin, chief executive officer of NSPI. "Consumers can be confident these professionals are educated in the most current techniques and information available."



If you're in the market for a pool, make sure the dealer has a CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL® on staff (the designation cannot be awarded to a company). While shopping, you'll find there's now a pool for every taste and budget and a vast array of choices in pool features and accessories. A CSP

CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL® can provide expert guidance in the selection, use and maintenance of everything from fully automated cleaning systems to fiber-optic lighting. CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONALS® offer:

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Using a CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL® makes pool ownership as relaxing as floating in one. Carefree owners of pools can look forward to years of enjoyment knowing their highly qualified CSP CERTIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL® is available to offer assistance with any maintenance or repair issues in the years ahead, as well as to offer support for any required inspection.

"We're pleased with the program we've created, because the ultimate winner is the consumer," said Galvin.

NSPI has more than 5,200 members representing manufacturers, distributors, builders, retailers and service companies who share a commitment to fair business practices and a standard of excellence in health and safety.

For more information about pools, spas and hot tubs, call 1-800-323-3996 or visit NSPI on-line at <http://www.poolspaworld.com>.

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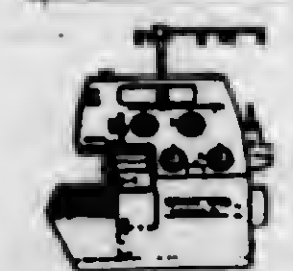
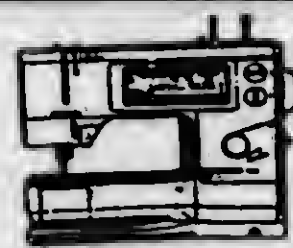
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Firewise remodeling can help prevent fire in your home.

(NAPS)—Planning ahead is critical to minimizing your losses if a wildfire strikes in your community. So before remodeling your home, consider these tips from the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

- When replacing your roof, be sure to choose asphalt, clay or terra-cotta tile, slate, cement or concrete products, sheet metal or fire-retardant treated wood shingles or shakes.
- If you're adding on a deck, position wood decks so they don't face a slope.
- Fit any open areas under decks or porches with wire mesh or screens to keep out sparks or embers. Install a spark arrester or screening over the chimney to keep

embers inside.

- Choose double-paned, tempered glass for windows.
- If you're replacing exterior wall cladding, choose stucco or masonry rather than vinyl, which can soften and melt in a fire.
- Make sure your address number is visible from the road.
- Remodeling is a good time to inspect your smoke alarms. Replace alarms ten years or older. Be sure to install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area.

For further information, contact your local fire department or forestry agency, or visit the Firewise website at www.firewise.org.

Keep Things Rolling Smoothly

(NAPS)—There are few things more irritating around the home than items with wheels that squeak or screech. Fortunately, simple lubrication of practically anything with wheels often solves such problems instantly.

For example, riding an exercise bike or stair stepper can be tedious if the equipment makes annoying sounds. However, a drop of a lubricant such as 3-IN-ONE® OIL can quickly stop the noise.

Parents will be happy when a drop of oil quiets the loud toy that isn't supposed to make noise. It is also effective on squeaky baby swings. A simple chore like laundry may also be inconvenienced by a rolling laundry basket that can be heard all the way from apartment to laundry room. Again, simple lubrication usually solves the problem.

While furniture with wheels is supposed to be easy to move, it may become difficult if the wheels haven't been lubricated since the last move. Sliding door tracks may also need lubrication,

however, an application of 3-IN-ONE on needed areas will help get rid of disturbing sounds, make things work properly and prevent future maintenance problems.

Maintenance tips for wheel items include:

- First clean out any built-up dirt/grime with a cleaner such as WD-40 or 409.
- Wipe down wheel with a rag or cloth (do not use paper towels because they will rip and add to the problem), use a Q-tip for smaller wheels.
- Use a drip lubricant like 3-IN-ONE to oil the wheels for smooth movement.

Most household items with wheels will function smoothly with proper cleaning, lubrication and maintenance.

How To Choose The Right Insulating Window

(NAPS)—Whether you are building a new home or replacing existing windows, new technologies in glass and window construction provide a variety of options. Clearly the most popular choice for new construction or replacement windows are insulating glass windows. But it's important to remember that all insulating glass windows are not created equal.

While the design of all insulating glass windows is based on the same principle—using air or a clear gas as insulation—thermal performance, longevity and other qualities differ widely. Overall performance is determined by type of glass, and sash framing material. Like the window frame, wood, vinyl or aluminum, the type of glass used is critically important.

Glass accounts for about 80 percent of the window's surface area, and greatly affects window thermal performance. Low-Emissivity (Low-E) glass will provide optimal thermal performance, and additional benefits.

PPG Sungate® Low-E glass, introduced in 1983, controls the amount of light and energy that passes through the window. Low-E glass transmits high levels of visible light, yet reduces ultraviolet rays that can fade drapes, upholstery and carpeting. Just as importantly, PPG Sungate® Low-E glass helps reduce energy bills by reflecting long-wave heat energy. Thus in the winter furnace heat is reflected back into your home, and in the summer the glass reflects re-radiated solar energy back outside.

The type of insulation used in the window also greatly affects performance. Most insulating glass windows are made by sealing air or argon, a colorless, odorless, harmless gas, between panes of glass. The air or argon, interacting with the Low-E glass, reduces the exchange of heat between the inside and outside. Argon-insulating windows can have an R-value 13 percent higher than windows



The energy efficiency of PPG Sungate® Low-E glass allows for more innovative and striking use of glass in home design and remodeling. In addition to helping reduce overall utility costs, Sungate® Low-E glass reduces the ultraviolet rays that can fade and damage drapes, upholstery and carpeting.

insulated with air.

Finally the type of insulating spacer is key to optimal insulating glass window performance. In a conventional insulating glass window, the panes are separated by perimeter metal spacers joined at the corners and then sealed to the glass. While all insulating windows provide superior thermal performance to single-pane windows, these box-shaped spacers do allow a considerable amount of heat to flow through the edge of the window.

A better choice is insulating glass windows made with PPG Industries Intercept® technology. The Intercept spacer is a single, continuous U-shaped piece of stainless steel that allows the insulating glass to expand or contract with seasonal temperature changes. It's also highly effective at reducing heat loss through the edge of the window so the perimeter of the inside glass remains warmer than in conventional insulating glass windows. This "warm edge" greatly reduces the potential for condensation and resulting water damage.

For more information about PPG Sungate® Low-E glass and PPG Intercept® insulating glass, call 1-800-PPG-GLAS.

TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Facts From The American Homeowners Association

Tips On Building And Remodeling

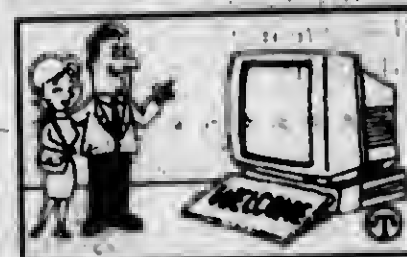
(NAPS)—Here are ideas to build upon: Whether you're searching for your dream home now or in the future, you may want to do your homework before you look for your home.

Consider these ideas to help you get started:

- Make a list of things you want in your new home—a porch, fireplace, hardwood floors, etc.—then take the list with you when house hunting.
- Find out how much homes are going for in the neighborhood you're exploring. A real estate agent or the newspaper may be able to assist you.
- A free offer may help you search for a house. The American Homeowners Association (AHA), the largest homeowners organization in the United States, recently announced a new CD-ROM giveaway offer on the Internet.

This free four CD set is a marvelous tool for those planning to build, remodel or even just explore possibilities, just one small example of the many benefits our members enjoy," said AHA President Richard Roll.

The AHA recently released the free offer giving away HomeStyles 4 CD-ROM Set of 3,500 best-selling floor



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plans and 30 Virtual Home Tours to help you explore your options. After touring the homes, users can browse thousands of designs using the home search function.

The database is searchable by such criteria as budget and lifestyle needs, square footage, style and desired number of bedrooms and baths. Users can print summaries of their favorite plans and also estimate building costs based on where they live by using the HomeStyles budget calculator.

The offer is free to anyone interested in trying the AHA's membership benefits for a free 30-day no-risk trial. The free CD set normally retails for \$39.95 at software stores nationwide and is yours to keep no matter what!

More information on the free offer is available on the Web site at www.freehomeplans.com.

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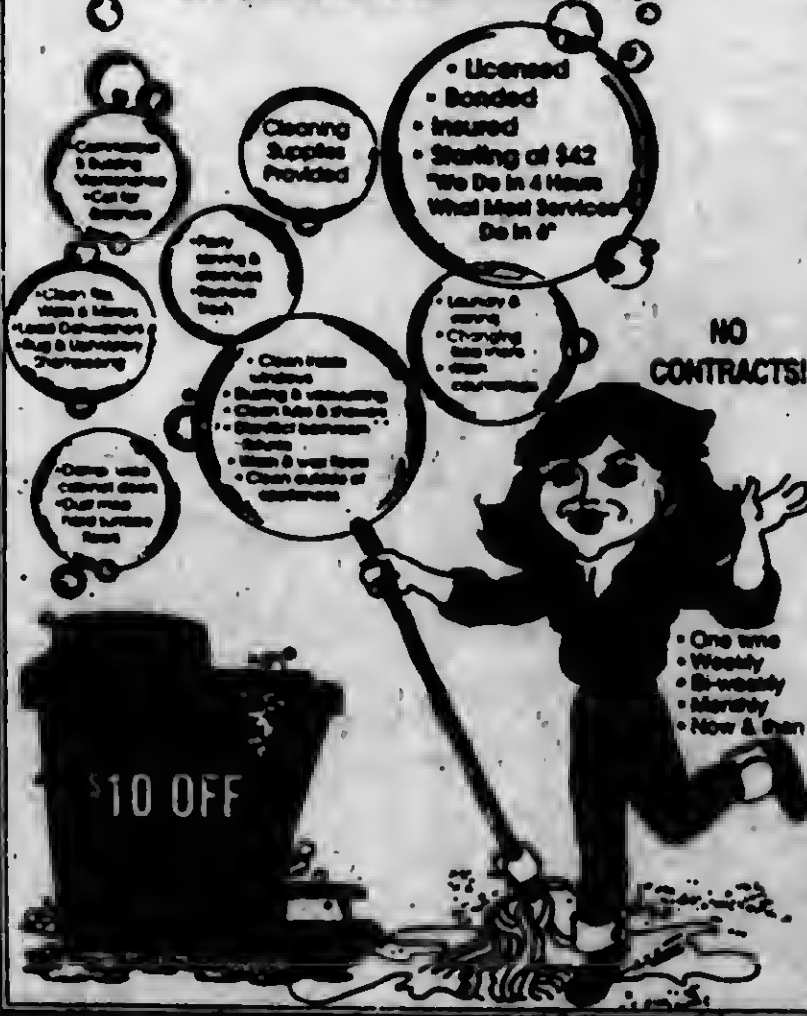
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Easy-To-Install Retaining Walls Hold Interest For Homeowners

(NAPS)—If you're thinking about landscaping your home, consider the advantages of concrete retaining wall blocks for a variety of your landscaping projects.

Use retaining wall blocks for landscaping projects, including borders, flower beds, tree rings, or retaining walls. Retaining walls are ecologically friendly and offer design flexibility to create almost any border or wall system.

Unlike bricks or boulders, retaining wall blocks are virtually maintenance free and easy-to-install. Retaining wall units are typically

smaller and weigh less than larger bricks or boulders, so it is easier to install retaining walls or borders around tighter areas in your yard.

The leader in retaining wall systems is Anchor Wall Systems. The company's blocks feature an easy-to-install system that brings out the creative landscaper in everyone.

Experts report that the advantage of Anchor Wall Systems retaining wall block is the rear lip that glides the block in place, so there is no need for messy mortar, pins or clips. The rear lip system insures that you will auto-

matically position the block correctly.

The company has also



Retaining walls are not only nice to look at, they are ecologically friendly and come in a natural rock-like face that blends into any environment.

created a variety of retaining wall blocks to help homeowners create beautiful borders, terraces, tree rings and flower beds.

Retaining wall blocks are

available in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes with a natural rock-like face that blends into any environment.

Anchor Wall Systems retaining wall blocks are available at gardening stores throughout the U.S. For more information on the retail locations near you, contact 1-800-473-4452 ext. A1 or find it on the world wide web at www.anchorwall.com.

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St. Albert holds registration

St. Albert the Great School located at 5535 W. State Road in Burbank will be holding registration for new preschool, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and all new students in other grades on Sunday, March 21, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. If you are interested in registering your child for the 1999-2000 school year, please bring the following with you at that time: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Social Security number, and a \$35.00 registration fee (non-refundable).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 708/424-7757 between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. during the school week.

Oak Lawn Hilton hosts Spring Craft Show

The Oak Lawn Hilton, located at 9333 S. Cicero Ave., will host a Spring Craft Show on Sunday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2.00. Children under ten years of age are free.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 7 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. A Buffet Luncheon of individually priced items will be served from noon until 3 p.m. in the Indoor Atrium Pool area.

More than 125 exhibitors will be featuring many beautiful items. No strollers please.

ECONOMICAL DUPLEX CONSTRUCTION

Charming Traditional Touches

BY W.D. FARMER, F.A.I.B.D.

Each unit in this duplex home mirrors the other. Trend setting details and careful planning create a sweeping unified space on the first floor. Entry is from a covered stoop which leads into a private entry area. This entry also provides

access to a single garage.

The great room and kitchen dining area are separate but open, embellished by dividing columns. A fireplace is indicated in the great room, flanked by windows. A large closet is strategically placed under the open rail stair up to two bed rooms.

The kitchen is L-shaped and

includes a surprising amount of space for a dining table.

In close proximity is the half bath and utility closet, along with access to the private rear terrace.

Upstairs the master suite has the luxury of his and hers walk-in closets. The private bath has a double vanity and oversized tub. Further enhancing the size of the

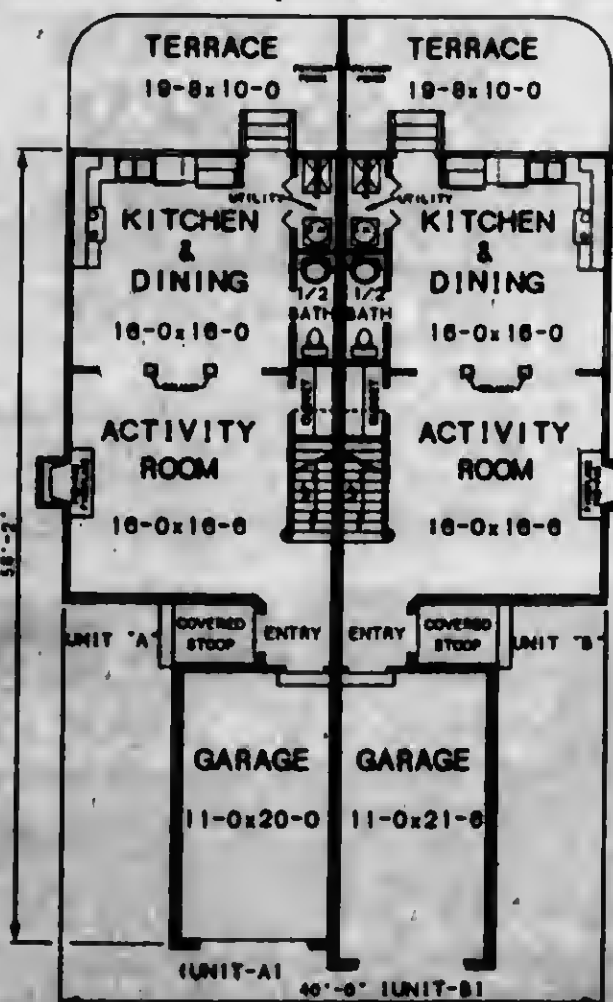
master bed room is a tray ceiling.

The second bed room includes a separate private bath and a generous closet. Notice how none of the bed room walls touch each other, both within the same unit, and between the two units. A feature providing quiet, for those who are sleeping.

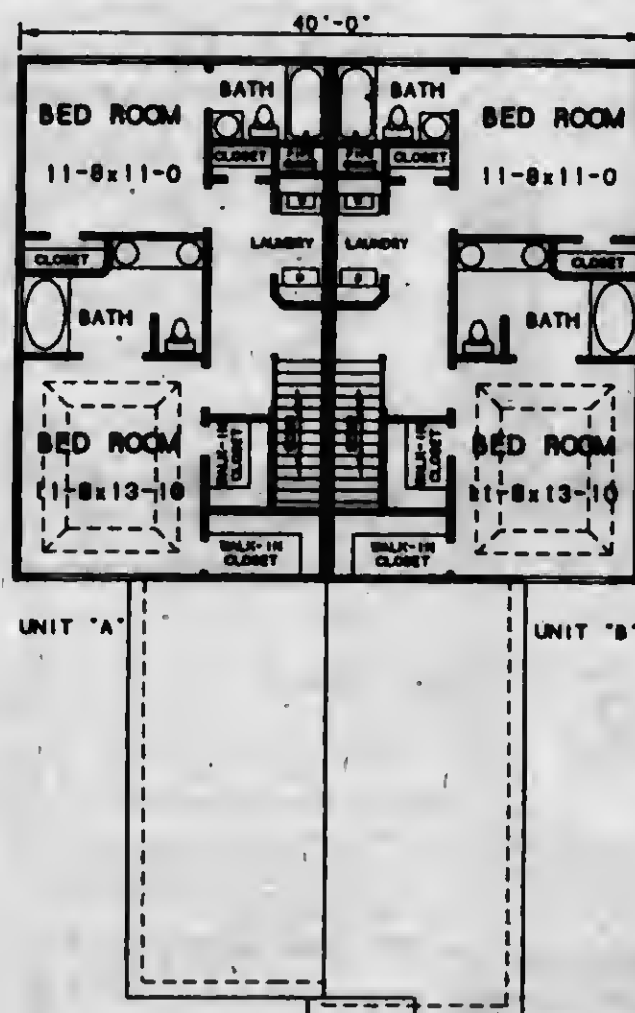
A real plus on this strong duplex design is the laundry facilities being on the second floor. Just think, no hauling clothes up and down the stairs.

The exterior is a blend of the basics with a combination of brick and frame. Hip and gable rooflines along with dormer windows complete the design. All W. D. Farmer plans include construction details for substituting brick, frame or stucco exterior finish.

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Before You Build...Know All You Can About the Wood You're Buying

(NAPS)—The Southern Pine Council estimates that an average of 3,000 decks are being built each day in the U.S. Because of this popularity, more attention has been paid to construction materials.

With all the products on the market today, how do you know which product to choose? Following are a few tips of what to look for when purchasing your wood, brought to you by the manufacturers of Kodiak® preserved wood, an innovative outdoor building product.

• What are my choices?

In addition to traditional pressure-treated lumber, there are a variety of newer products on the market. These include preserved woods that have a naturally rich brown color and are friendlier to the environment, as well as non-wood products which are constructed of various plastics and polymers.

• What is pressure-treated wood?

Pressure treatment involves forcing chemical preservatives into wood under high pressure to protect it from insects and decay. The most common preservatives used in pressure treatment are inorganic chemicals, such as chromated copper arsenate (CCA). While CCA is a very popular choice, it does contain arsenic, so you must know how to use it safely.

A safer generation of pressure-treated lumber is Kodiak preserved wood. It is treated with a patented, arsenic-free formula which allows the lumber to have the beautiful look of cedar naturally (without staining) with the outstanding durability of preserved wood. And because the treatment chemicals interact within the wood, the rich, honey-brown color is actually fixed into the wood cells, not just on the surface.

When building flower and vegetable gardens, for example, most pressure-treated lumbars cannot be used, as the chemicals within the wood can leach out into the soil and harm your plants. Kodiak lumber, however, is an acceptable choice for framing vegetable and flower gardens because the treatment process "fixes" the only metallic element (copper) in the lumber. In fact, Kodiak has been proven to leach less than any other commercial water-borne preserved wood.

• How do I maintain the wood in my outdoor structures?

To protect your wood from rotting and weathering, it's important to keep moisture



Today's homeowners need to be more educated, due to the numerous options available in outdoor building products.

out of it and the sun off of it—use a water repellent that has a UV inhibitor. To maximize the effectiveness of water repellent, apply it soon after the deck is completed. Keep in mind, however, that water repellent can only be applied to dry wood. Since many wood building products are shipped to retailers "wet," they cannot be treated immediately. Ask your local retailer about drying characteristics, because some of the newer wood products are pre-dried, such as Kodiak preserved wood, making it possible to apply water repellent and realize its benefits immediately.

• How long can I expect my wood to last?

The average life of a typical deck is 12-15 years; although some preserved wood deck products can last for decades. To make the most of your wood investment, look for brands that offer a limited lifetime warranty, such as Kodiak lumber. The warranty demonstrates the manufacturer's commitment to the product.

• Will the color of my wood change over time?

Yes, exposure to the elements will cause the color of your wood to fade over time. To restore the original color of your wood, some products will need to be restained. Other products, such as Kodiak lumber, will restore their original cedar color simply by power washing.

• Are there any safety precautions to take when working with lumber?

Be sure to wear impermeable gloves and long sleeves. Always cut wood outdoors and wear a dust mask and safety goggles. Wash yourself well as soon as you complete your work and launder your work clothes separately from other clothing.

If you have other questions regarding the lumber choices in the marketplace, contact your local lumber retailer or home improvement center. For the name of the Kodiak dealer in your area, call 1-800-K-KODIAK, or visit www.kodiakwood.com.



People in France, Ireland, India and Spain, as well as Scotland, play the bagpipe. The ancient Romans used a form of bagpipe that was used in Persia, Turkey and Palestine in the A.D. 100's.

Roofing Without Goofing

(NAPS)—One way to put a ceiling on home improvement costs is to assure those costs don't go through the roof.

Two long-lasting roofing choices that are gaining popularity are concrete and clay tile, long thought to be too heavy for many homes. However, most homes built within the last 20 years can easily handle a tile roof, without structural changes. For older homes, manufacturers have produced lightweight reroof products for years.

"The weight of tile has often been misunderstood," said Rick Olson, president of the National Tile Roof Manufacturers Association (NTRMA). "It's in no way prohibitive and, in fact, can be a benefit. Concrete and clay roofs are extremely durable, capable of withstanding wind, hail, earthquakes, snow, intense heat...just about anything Mother Nature subjects us to."

It is tile's resilience that enables manufacturers to offer some of the longest warranties in the roofing industry. In Europe and Asia, where tile has been the leading choice in roofing material for centuries, many buildings have roofs that have required little, if any, maintenance. When taking into consideration its projected life, the cost of a tile roof can be as little as one fifth the expense of alternate products.

In terms of fire safety, concrete and clay roof tile have received the highest possible rating for both product and assembly—Class A.

"In my 31-year fire service career, I cannot recall ever seeing a burning concrete or



Homeowners can enjoy a durable roof without sacrificing beauty with concrete or clay tile.

clay tile roof," said Sam Husoe, Executive Director of the Committee for Firesafe Dwellings. "In the majority of California firestorms during the 1990s, homes with wood shingle or shake roofs were severely burned, while homes on either side with tile were relatively undamaged."

For many, however, what is most impressive about tile is the beauty it can add to any architectural style. Tile allows for tremendous color diversity that other products often can't provide, and many are colored all the way through the tile so that, with time, the hue won't fade.

"Concrete and clay roofs have taken on a totally different identity over the past couple of decades. Manufacturers have worked hard at anticipating the demands of builders, architects and consumers to create tile profiles that meet their needs," said Olson.

For more information on tile roofing, visit the NTRMA website at www.ntrma.org, write P.O. Box 40337, Eugene, OR 97404-0049 or call (541) 689-0366.

HOME IS WHERE THE HEARTH IS—Adding beauty to a home, fireplaces are also often used as a secondary heat source.

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How To Get The Best Price When You Sell

(NAPS)—We've all heard that the three keys to success in real estate are location, location, location. If only it was that easy.

No matter what your location, few things in life are as stressful as selling your house.

Finally, there's help. Martha Webb, author of *Dress Your House for Success* and *Finding Home* has created a step by step method to help you sell your house quickly—her program has earned sellers \$10,000 to \$50,000 more than the "as is condition" price.

Her tips include removing as much clutter and furniture as possible—clutter will make the house seem smaller—and cleaning every inch, especially the windows. Natural sunlight makes a house seem warmer.

Webb believes that one of the key steps to preparing your house for sale is what she refers to as *Neutralizing*.

The goal of *neutralizing* is to remove any strong decorating elements to create a neutral environment that can accommodate virtually anyone's taste. This broadens your potential market.

Neutralizing actually goes beyond what the buyer can see, it also includes the sense of smell.



Don't forget to clean the windows if you are selling your house. Natural sunlight makes a house seem warmer.

Since the wrong scent can leave the wrong impression, Webb recommends using Febreze, a product designed to eliminate the household odors that get trapped in drapes, carpets and upholstery. Safe to use on virtually all fabrics, Febreze works by cleaning away the odors associated with pets, smoking and cooking.

She also believes in what she calls *Dynamizing* which is to create a favorable feeling that lasts beyond the tour of the house and makes the buyer want to return.

She recommends simple touches like a decorative pillow and a new plush comforter in the bedroom or a hardcover book near a small vase of flowers on a night stand.

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N.O.V.A. presents concert

N.O.V.A., New Organization for Vocal Artistry, will present a concert at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 94th Street and Homan Ave. on Sunday, March 21, at 3 p.m.

N.O.V.A. is a performance group composed of professional and nearly professional classical singers, pianists, artist and directors affiliated with the Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera, Chicago Opera Theater, etc. The group will present "The Witch and the Rose" featuring lightly staged selections from Hansel and Gretel, Fränkel and Leben, Die Fledermaus and Dar

Rosenkavalier.

Founder and Director of N.O.V.A. is Winifred Brown, from the Rogers Park area of Chicago, who has had a career in opera at the Met and top houses of Europe.

The concert is free to all who enjoy classical music. A free-will donation will be appreciated.

Parking is available on the street and in an area across from the church. For a map and directions to the church go to <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/fumcep/>. For more information on N.O.V.A. and its programs contact Lee Galbreath at 708/422-1244.

Our Lady of Loretto holds Parish Mission

Our Lady of Loretto Parish is hosting a Parish Mission on March 22, 23, and 24, at 7 p.m. in the church, 8925 S. Kostner, Home-town. Father Robert Barron, an exciting speaker, will address the theme "What Feeds the Soul?" Over the three nights Fr. Barron will discuss six "foods" for the soul (silence, going slow, beauty, play, mystery and detachment) by drawing on scriptural, theological and spiritual traditions. All are welcome to come and learn more about how the soul can be nourished.

Refreshments will be served after the mission each night. For more information, call the Rectory at 708/424-7471 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



McAuley Fashion Show committee include: (Back row, left to right) Jodi Olivieri, Sandy Berzanskis, Roseanne Garavan-Oskielunas, Melanie Dudek, and Mary Lynn Schultz. (Front row, left to right) Donna Chmiel, Kathy Berry, Maribeth McCaw, and Nancy Mulligan.

McAuley holds luncheon and fashion show

The annual Mother McAuley High School Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, Sugar and Spice, will be held Saturday, March 27 at the Martinique Restaurant, 2500 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The event is open to all McAuley students and their mothers but especially honors seniors and their moms. For more information or to make reservations, call the development office at 773/881-6558.

Palos Hills holds Community Garage Sale

The Community Garage Sale at the Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department will take place on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaces are available for rent for \$15.00. Free admission to any one interested in attending. Stop by and register early at the Palos Hills Park Department 8455 W. 103rd Street. For information call 430-4500.

Musical review at Library

Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, The Skylarks Unlimited will perform on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. This group performs a nostalgic musical review featuring songs from the 1930's - 1970's. Admission is free. Lower level meeting room, first-come, first-seated.

You won't want to miss this dynamic singing troupe's special salutes to the U.S.O. and Hit Parade. Hailed by audiences all over Chicagoland, The Skylarks Unlimited are a returning library favorite.

A full schedule of programs for adults is available at the library's Community Information Centers, first floor. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708/422-4990.



Search is on to find the world's greatest granny

The search is on to find the world's best grandma.

The Washington Apple Commission announced the official beginning of its annual Search for Granny Smith - a nationwide hunt to find the perfect grandmother to promote the state's famous green fruit.

"We're looking for on-the-go grannies," said Jim Thomas, search coordinator for the commission. "Someone who personifies the healthful attributes of our apples."

Thomas said a successful candidate should meet the following guidelines: Be sweet to the core and have good moral fiber. Be hand-picked by children, grandchildren, spouse or friends. Have just the right amount of maturity. Have "a-peel."

Those wishing to nominate a noteworthy grandma should write, in 100 words or less, why the nominee should be considered and enclose a nonreturnable photo. Nominations should be sent to Granny Smith; P.O. Box 18; Wenatchee, WA 98807, and received no later than April 2, 1999.

"Nominees don't need to have the last name 'Smith,' and the photos sent to us, like our Granny Smith apples, should be in good taste," Thomas said.

Last year's winner was 58-

year-old Joan Phillips of Plano, Texas, an avid community volunteer, fitness enthusiast and grandmother of three. Phillips was selected out of thousands of entries from across the United States and Canada to be the official "spokesgranny" for Washington's apple growers. She's been busy.

It's been a great year," Phillips said. "I've traveled quite a bit making TV and public appearances. Getting to meet so many people and seeing so much of the country has been a tremendous experience."

Twenty grandmothers, and the person who nominated each of them, will be chosen to participate in the "Granny Finale," held in May at the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee, Washington.

The winner will be featured on grocery store posters and will make promotional appearances in the upcoming year.

"We have another crop of high quality Granny Smiths this year, so we need an even bigger crop of granny nominees," Thomas said. "From the nominations we've received, it seems many grannies have traded in their rocking chairs for tennis shoes."



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How to qualify for a business loan

Long gone are the days when a smile and handshake was all it took to obtain a business loan. Today, savvy business owners know a great deal of preparation is needed to become credit worth, according to Hedy Ratner, co-president with Carol Dougal of the Chicago-based Women's Business Development Center (WBDC).

"A business owner should begin developing a relationship with his or her banker before a loan is ever needed," said Ratner, whose organization has helped scores of women business owners obtain financing. "Even if a traditional bank loan is unattainable, there are other options such as a microloan and SBA guaranteed loan as well as other government lending programs. But unless you're borrowing from family or friends, most lenders will

require you to have a carefully prepared business plan with a financial analysis and cash flow projections."

The WBDC offers a number of workshops that can help business owners prepare for a loan package. In addition, there are certain factors that improve one's ability to obtain financing. An excellent personal credit history is essential to many lenders. To receive a recent credit report, call TransUnion at (312) 408-1050, or the WBDC can order one for you for \$7.00 each. "Those who may have a credit problem that can be explained by a onetime incident such as medical problems should provide information on how the problem has been rectified," said Ratner. "However, if you have had a bankruptcy in the past seven years, or have slow payments, collections, etc., it may be difficult to

obtain financing now."

Meeting one's tax obligations is important. Lenders and government programs alike want to see that an individual has met their business and personal tax obligations for both filing and paying taxes.

The business will have demonstrated the ability to repay a loan. If the business is profitable, then you have profits to repay some of the debt. If it's not profitable, then you need to show how it will be in the near future so the loan can be repaid.

The business should have a positive net worth and not be carrying too much debt. "When a business owner is focused on paying back loans rather than funding future growth, lenders become hesitant," said Ratner. Banks often look for a debt to net worth ratio of four or less (total liabilities divided by equity), she added.

Collateral is needed in order to secure a business loan. Most collateral (business and personal assets) is valued at an amount less than the fact value. The more collateral one has, the greater likelihood that a loan deal will be favorably considered.

"A business should have managers and advisors capable of leading one's business to the next level of growth. As a business expands, it needs more sophisticated management as it relates to strategic planning, marketing, record keeping, inventory control, and personnel," said Ratner. "The WBDC's entrepreneurial training classes provide strong help and support to the business owner ready for that next level," she said.

For further information on the WBDC's loan packaging and financial assistance and training classes, call (312) 853-3477.

Certified residential specialist offers tips to simplify your home search

Home ownership is considered to be one of the most desirable goals anyone can achieve. Finding the right home can take a few weeks or a few months, and it requires a great deal of time and commitment. "Some people can look at 40 homes before they make a decision," says Robert Brooks, CRS, president of the Illinois Chapter of the State's Leading Realtors, those who have earned the certified residential specialist (CRS) designation through training and experience. Brooks offers tips to narrow down the search process.

Making advance decisions on what you are looking for in a home can reduce the time and energy you spend on the search. Brooks suggests you sit down and go through the following checklist:

Decide what you want in a home: Make a list of what you like about your current home. For example, you like the large yard, the cul-de-sac street, or the bright kitchen. Then make a list of what you would like to improve. Be as thorough as possible because it will help your agent find a home that meets your wants and needs. Finally, make a wish list. After you

consider your priorities, add any extras you would like to have, but that are not mandatory. Also consider whether you prefer a newly built or existing home. An existing home offers immediate occupancy in an established neighborhood, but may need some updating. A newly built home allows you to create your own landscaping and decorating schemes, and be involved in the development of a community.

Contact an experienced realtor: Realtors who hold the certified residential specialist (CRS) designation are experts in buying and selling, and will counsel you through the entire home buying process. A CRS can help you narrow your home search and work through some of the tough decisions you may encounter.

Figure out how much you can afford: Before you begin looking at homes, you need to decide on an affordable price range. Sit down with your agent and discuss your income level and living expenses. Your realtor can offer guidance and assist you in deciding on an affordable price. A CRS can help you find your dream home without sacrificing financial security. Brooks suggest get-

ting pre-approved before you look at any homes. A pre-approval certificate is like having cash to take to a seller, and can help during negotiations.

Try to narrow your search down to a few specific communities: Once you have a price range, you can begin looking in communities with homes that meet your requirements. Brooks and other realtors who hold the CRS designation have local market knowledge and can help you find the right community for your price range. They can answer question about the quality of local schools, and distance to parks and stores. They can also put you in contact with municipal and county officials capable of answering other questions. Brooks also suggests doing an Internet search using the name of the town. "The Internet can be an excellent source for home buyers seeking information on different cities and towns and their different communities, especially if they are relocating."

Working with your realtor to answer these basic questions can shorten both the length of your home search and the number of homes

you visit. "Looking at homes should be the fun part," said Brooks. "But for many buyers the fun ends after they look at 15 or 20 homes and one begins to blur into an-

Happiness Is Getting Rid Of Crabgrass

(NAPS)—Homeowners who want their lawns to have the lush, crabgrass-free look of a fine golf course can look to a crabgrass treatment that was reported to be the most frequently used by golf course superintendents for the second year in a row.

According to Chris Shad-day, a spokesperson for Rohm and Haas Company, manufacturer of DIMENSION crabgrass preventer, golf course superintendents are turning to DIMENSION because of its activity against crabgrass both before and shortly after it appears, and because the product doesn't leave stains on equipment or golfer's apparel. To the homeowner, this means no yellow chemical stains on patios, sidewalks and driveways.

It is interesting to note that the crabgrass preventer was rated the highest post-emergent treatment among golf course superintendents in five out of seven regions surveyed: the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Great Lakes, Mid-Continent, and Western Regions.

DIMENSION crabgrass preventer also provides golf course superintendents with the longest application window in the spring. It gives them, and homeowners as well, added flexibility when the weather is getting better and they have other things to do besides taking care of weeds.



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To help you get a green, crabgrass-free lawn, be sure to use a crabgrass preventer such as DIMENSION, and get an early start. Then, mow often, and water only during periods of prolonged drought.

The product can also be used on ornamental beds, trees and shrubbery. This means you do not have to avoid applying it to these areas of your yard.

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Daley offers wide range of courses

Louise Cyzik was puzzled by her computer. "I didn't even know how to turn it on" she confessed. But now she surfs the Internet every day. "It's a whole new world," she says, "and I got started at Daley College!"

The Continuing Education program at Daley College begins a new term on Monday, March 22, with a wide range of offerings. These include eighteen computer courses from Introduction to Microcomputers and Introduction to the Internet to How to Create a Web Page, and Introduction to Visual Basic. Other subject areas include real estate, travel

agent training, horticulture, security officer training, physical fitness, arts and crafts, foreign language, and dance, and Family College. Family College provides "catch up" courses for young learners, music, sports, and test preparation. Continuing Education programs are open to all who are interested, and do not require previous education.

Continuing Education registration will take place on March 10, 15, 16, and 17 and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Office of Continuing Education at Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski road. For information call (773) 838-7551.

Marquette National Bank promotes Evelyn Schap



Evelyn Schap
Senior Vice President

Marquette National Bank recently announced the promotion of Evelyn Schap to the position of senior vice president. Evelyn is responsible for all marketing planning and communications for the bank.

Prior to joining Marquette National Bank in 1995, Evelyn was employed by Bozell; Ketchum Advertising; and Mandabach & Simms where she served on the account management

side of the business for 23 years. Her financial accounts included; Chicago Board of Trade, the Lane Banks, 1st Source Bank, Discover Card Services, Citicorp Travelers Checks and Bank Administration Institute. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Evelyn is an active member with Bank Marketing Association, Chicago Financial Advertisers and Financial Institution Marketing Association. Schap is a past president of the Chicago Financial Advertisers and has served as a director for the Chicago Council on Urban Affairs. She has received an Eagle Award and Certificates of Merit from the Chicago Financial Advertisers for the marketing campaigns that she spearheaded.

Evelyn resides in Chicago with her husband, where she enjoys gardening and finding "treasures" at flea markets.



Hermy R. Medina
Vice President

Hermy Medina joins Marquette National Bank's Audit Dept.

Marquette National Bank recently announced the hiring of Hermy R. Medina as vice president, credit review and fair lending officer. Hermy will be responsible for loan review and fair lending practices at the bank.

Prior to coming aboard, Medina was employed by Amalgamated Bank as an analyst/manager of the credit department, Cosmopolitan National Bank as an assistant vice president, Beverly National Bank as a vice president of loan review and St. Paul Federal Bank as a senior loan analyst. He holds a BSBA from MAPUA Institute of Technology.

He is an active member with St. Damian Men's Club, Palos Men's Club and Fil-Am Golf Club.

Hermy resides in Oak Forest with his wife and children where his hobbies and interest include golf club assembly, golf, fishing and sharpening his foreign language skills.



Maria High School Reunion - April 24

Maria High School invites all St. Casimir Academy and Maria graduates and their guests to attend an exciting and nostalgic day at Reunion 99, Saturday, April 24. Class years ending in 4 and 9 will be honored. Please call 773/925-8686, ext. 16 for more details and to update your information if you are not receiving the newsletter.

St. Rene Goupil holds Irish Mass

St. Rene Goupil, 63rd Place and New England, is having an Irish Mass on Sunday, March 21 at 12 noon, preceded by Irish music with flutist playing from 11:30 to 12:00. Refreshments will follow in Flannery Hall with entertainment by the Cross Keys Irish Dancers.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea visits Pella Tulip Festival

Deacon Greg Serratore of St. Mary, Star of the Sea has planned a trip to the Pella Tulip Festival from May 5th to May 7th. The price of \$329, based on double occupancy, includes round trip deluxe bus transportation, hotel, reserved seats for the festival parade, Lady Luck Casino, the home of Wyatt Earp, the Amana Colonies, four meals and all admission fees. For additional information or reservations, please call Deacon Greg at 773/767-1246, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Nolan presents officers with Lifesaving Award

William J. Nolan, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7, recently presented two officers with the Lifesaving Award.

Responding to a call of fire in progress Officers Charles Fountain and Brian Reidy, both of the 21st District, began to immediately evacuate the building. When a citizen informed them that there was an 83 year old bedridden woman still in the building, without regard for their own safety, the officers entered the smoke filled building, found the invalid woman and carried her from her bed to safety.

The F.O.P. is proud to present these officers with the Lifesaving Award. Pictured is, left to right, Officer Charles Fountain and Robert Doyle, F.O.P., Chicago Lodge #7 Trustee.

Rep. Lyons plans a trip to Springfield

State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange) is again inviting seniors from her 47th District to see their state government in action and take in the sights on a trip to Springfield on Tuesday, May 4th.

The tour will include stops at the Old State Capitol, the Lincoln Tomb, and the Governor's Mansion. Of course, included on the tour is a stop at the New State Capitol where seniors will get to see their legislators in action.

"On last year's trip they had a fantastic time taking in the sights of our state's capitol," said Rep. Lyons. "I expect this trip to be just as enjoyable and I would encourage seniors to take advantage of this opportunity."

Cost of the trip is \$30 per person and covers transportation by coach bus, tours and lunch at the Capitol.

The deadline to register is April 23. For more information, please call Rep. Lyons office at 708/352-7700.

Senior Card and Bunco Bash

A April Showers Card & Bunco Party hosted by St. Jane De Chantal Seniors is planned for Sunday, April 18th starting at 2 p.m. Doors will open at 1 p.m. at Ward Hall, 5157 S. McVicker. This event will feature a goodie bag with many items. Door prizes and raffles will be held. Cake and coffee will be served.

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Palos Hills Meeting - March

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills Meeting of March 4 the following business was reported.

Under Community Resources Alderman Williams announced that there will be a Health Fair, Wednesday, March 24, at the Palos Hills Activity Center, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Blood work ups begin at 6 a.m. by appointment only there will be free and low cost screenings, raffles, and giveaways. It's free admission and open to the public.

Thread Magic #1 will be held Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Community Activity Center cost is \$35.00 including lunch. Ellen Anne Eddy a quilt artist will help students make a small wall hanging. Space for the class is limited to 20 students. For more information contact the department at 598-3400.

The Community Resource Department would like to publish a cookbook with recipes from city residents in

conjunction with the 40th anniversary. The size of the cookbook when complete will determine the cost. Anyone who submits a recipe will receive a \$1.00 off the cost. Mail recipes to: City of Palos Hills, Community Resource Department, 10335 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL 60465. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

Under Public Works Alderman Tomas said he was pleased to announce that the 103rd Street project is now in motion. The 103rd Street bid opening was held at the Cook County Highway Department on Tuesday, February 23. There were five bidders. Callahan Paving was the low bidder at a bid of \$3.8 million dollars.

The public works department has prepared the chipper truck schedule and service guidelines. These are:

The service is intended for the residents of the City of Palos Hills.

The service will not apply

to commercial tree operations working within city limits, commercial establishments, townhouses, condominiums, apartment complexes, or vacant lots.

Branches placed at the edge of the roadway after the chipper truck has passed will be left until the next service cycle.

Branches should be left at the edge of the road by Monday morning.

Branches should be neatly stacked and placed three feet from the edge of the roadway with cut ends of branches facing.

Due to the high cost of dumpster service logs in excess of ten inches in diameter to be charged a fee of \$5.00 per log. Root balls will be charged at a rate of ten dollars each one. Logs must be cut between 18 and 24 inches in length. Root balls and logs will only be picked up by a call to City Hall. The fee can be paid by check, cash, credit card, or being applied to the water bill. For safety reasons the chipper

service will only take branches cut to the proper length. Materials other than properly cut branches will be left for the residents to dispose of.

On March 24 the Secretary of State will offer drivers license services to the City of Palos Hills Services will include written and vision testing, issuance of drivers licenses and I.D. cards as well as the sale of April, May, vehicle stickers for passenger license plates. The mobile driver services program is part of the implementation of Illinois new digital driver license system. For a \$5.00 fee, applicants can exchange their current valid license for a digital one. Using digital imaging at the Secretary of States Office can electronically capture and store images and signatures. Only law enforcement can retrieve these images for verifying identity or issuing duplicate licenses.

Alderman Mier read in her report that there will be a Plan Commission Hearing

scheduled for March 15, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. The petitioner is Terra Investments. The property is located at the southwest corner of 112th Street and Moraine Drive. The request is for an amendment to ordinance 468 to permit the construction of a two story, 8 unit (2 bedroom) condominium residence building.

The next meeting of the city council will be March 18 at 8 p.m.

the Senior Club. The business would accommodate approximately 30 elderly people who cannot be left at home during the day. Lec Miller, owner of the establishment said that these people would be provided transportation by the facility and that there would be no cots, only couches to sit on. Mostly the people coming to the establishment would be in their eighties.

Alderman Donnick was concerned about parking and Alderman Corsi said there would be less traffic than if there was a retail store.

The official vote for the facility will be taken at the next meeting, March 16.

Bargain hunters needed at Flea Market

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255 located at 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. will be holding their monthly Flea Market on March 20. Table rental is \$10.00 each, and a door fee 25¢. Setup is 7 a.m., doors open to public at 9 a.m. Please call Pat at 708/636-3220 for any table rentals or information. The public is always welcome at all events and their canteen.

Palos Hills sponsors Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Lunch

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. and Bunny Lunch at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The Egg Hunt will begin on time rain or shine on the Palos Hills Park Department grounds at 8455 W. 103rd Street. Children, 10 years and under, will have an opportunity to hunt eggs and win a special Easter Basket! Egg hunters will be grouped according to age and hunt in designated areas. Winners of special Easter Baskets must be present. Bring a basket or container for the eggs.

The Bunny lunch will immediately follow the Egg Hunt. Pizza will be served to children and their parents for the fee of \$6.00. Registration is currently taking place. Deadline to register is March 24. No refunds will be granted after registration deadline. Register at the park department or call for information at 430-4500.



Betty Kosky
Vice President

Betty Kosky joins Marquette National Bank

Marquette National Bank is delighted to announce that Betty Kosky recently joined its Retail Banking team as vice president. In her new position, Betty will be in charge of the Retail Sales Program for the organization, including branch sales, alternative banking delivery channels and nontraditional financial products.

Before joining Marquette National Bank, Betty served as vice president of Retail Banking and training for Heritage Bank. She holds a BA degree in Marketing and MBA in management from St. Xavier.

Betty is married and lives in the Worth area.

Jean Moran holds fund-raiser

On Tuesday, March 23, from 5:30 - 8 p.m., there will be a fund-raiser for Jean Moran, candidate for mayor of Palos Park. The fund-raiser will take place at Hackney's, 12301 S. LaGrange Road, Palos Park. For tickets or information please call 708/448-4151. Tickets cost \$25.00 per person.

Palos Heights Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

There will be a new police station in Palos Heights. Alderman Jim Murphy (1st Ward) made two motions which were voted on unanimously for construction to begin no later than May.

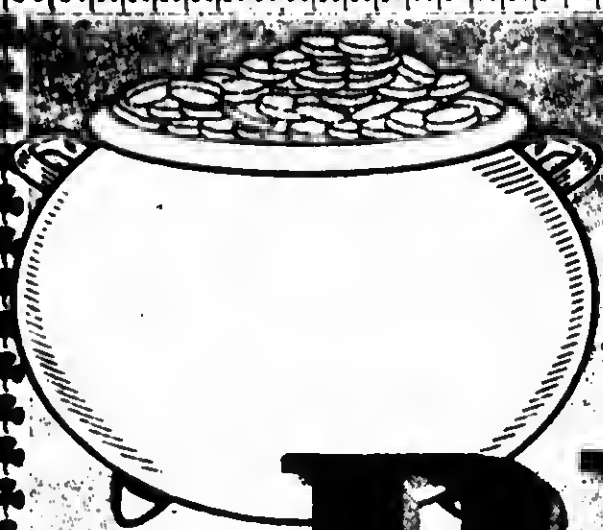
The contract for \$2,313,000 was given to Bergen Construction of Mount Prospect.

Alderman also voted to take a loan of \$1.5 million from Speer Financial for construction of the facility. The interest rate is set at 4.5 percent for ten years.

Drug forfeiture funds in the amount of 1.3 million will be used to help pay for the station.

The location of the new station will be 7600 College Drive just west of the entrance to the current police station.

Another issue brought up at the meeting was an ordinance rezoning a store front and granting a special use for an adult day care facility. It would be located at 12307 S. Harlem. There is a similar facility in Oak Lawn called



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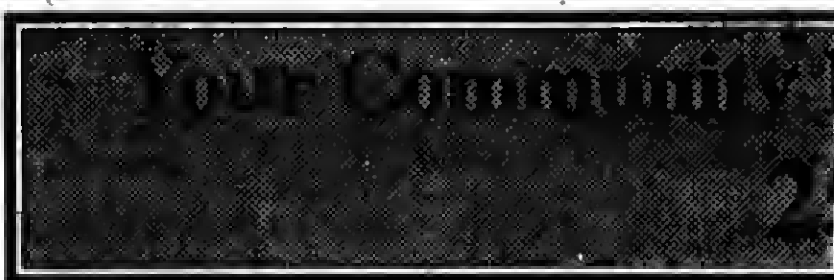


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Law school holds Chicago Fire Trial

On Sunday, October 8, 1871, fire began somewhere in or very near the O'Leary barn located at ~137 DeKoven Street on Chicago's West Side. The blaze began around 9 p.m. and continued through Tuesday until rainfall helped put out the last of the flames. Three hundred Chicagoans were dead, 90,000 homeless, and the property loss was \$200 million.

Who was responsible for the destruction of the city? The exact particulars of its origins are unknown. Could a kick from a cow during a particularly dry summer destroy a city or was the careless way the city had been built? These questions can be answered during the trial of *The People of the State of Illinois v. Daniel Sullivan*.

A distinguished group of

lawyers and students will prosecute and defend the charge against Daniel "Peg Leg" Sullivan for his involvement in the worst disaster in Chicago's history.

You will hear key witnesses whose testimony is historically accurate. Professional actors of the Lookingglass Theatre Company will portray the witnesses.

Like the rain that fell upon the city on Tuesday, October 10, 1871, the jury verdict will extinguish the fire of debate about who started The Great Chicago Fire. The Chicago Fire Trial will take place on April 15 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the John Marshall Law School located at 315 South Plymouth Court. For further information call the school at 312-987-1420 ext. 578.

Impartiality in the 3rd District of Oak Lawn



Jacki Mari's monthly column of predictions is on page 4... check it out!

It's NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead...

Unanimous vote for land sold in OL only \$10.00

By: F.J. Soczek

In a memo dated March 8, 1999, Oak Lawn Village Engineer Lynn Krauss noted the Oak Lawn Social Service Corporation "met and formally accepted the conveyance of Village property" under the terms and conditions of a Quit Claim Deed on December 17, 1998.

The above property located on the northeast corner of 95th Street and Cook Avenue was sold, according to the memo, for \$10.00 "In order to avoid the potential filing of legal action and subsequent litigation charging the Village with non-separation of Church and State."

Krauss noted "Each holiday season, (the above noted Village property) is decorated with a nativity scene to commemorate the Christmas season, and in particular the birth of Jesus Christ."

The Public Works memo, presented at the March 23 Board Meeting "respectfully requests and recommends the Village President and Board of Trustees approve this parcel division"

The request was unanimously passed by the Village Board without comment or discussion.

The Board unanimously approved a request by Fire Dept. Division Chief Keith Koeppen, Engineer Lynn Krauss and Trustee Jerry Hurekes to waive the formal bidding procedure prescribed by law and award a \$30,276 fire truck body repair contract to a South Elgin firm. A \$25,855 proposal from an Alsip firm was rejected as "less comprehensive."

Funding for the above noted repairs was requested to be drawn from a Public Works equipment maintenance account (#01-29-742-07-46) which, according to Village Engineer Lynn Krauss "has no funds for equipment repairs" allocated in the 1999 Municipal Budget.

The Fire Dept. vehicle maintenance account (#01-29-742-07-56) according to Lynn Krauss, contains \$73,500.

The repair proposal from Van Eck Collision & Paint of South Elgin was initially prepared March 25, 1998 and modified twice hence.

Police Chief James P. Houk saved the Village what he stated to be an amount "in excess of \$12,000." by not hiring a new records clerk.

Houk suggested raises for four existing clerks, who would share the duties of the additional work load.

The clerks found the proposed arrangement acceptable, Houk noted. The Board unanimously approved the request.

A contract in the amount of \$5,270. per month for municipal landscaping was awarded to McAdam Landscaping of River Forest. The April through December agreement was recommended following a bid solicitation by Village Forester John Finnell.

McAdam previously performed work at the Municipal Parking Lot at 9426 S. 54th Ct. and the entryway sign located at 111th & Cicero.

McAdam was the lowest of three bidders (Kinsella of Evergreen Pk., \$7,808. and Golden Gate Nursery of Frankfort, \$6,540.)

Finnell praised McAdam, noting "the plant materials displayed excellent appearance and quality workmanship was exhibited in the installation."

In the absence of Mayor Kolb, Trustee Ron Stancik relayed the Mayor's wishes to prohibit laser sighting devices for firearms.

Proposing an "attack on a regional basis," Stancik did not elaborate on how the Village had been adversely impacted by the devices, which have been recently banned in Chicago.

Trustee Stancik accused a local utility of "butchering trees" in their efforts to assure continued and ongoing service. Stancik proposed a program to take down existing problem trees (with owner permission) and replace them with trees "that will never grow into the wires again."

United States to investigate Creatine dumping by Chinese

Waukegan's Pfanstiehl Labs takes aggressive steps against unfair competition

The International Trade Administration of the United States Department of Commerce announced it is initiating an antidumping duty investigation into Chinese imports of Creatine. The investigation arises out of a filing of an antidumping petition by Pfanstiehl Laboratories, Inc. and comes on the heels of a similar investigation instituted earlier by the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Pfanstiehl Laboratories has developed substantial evidence that Chinese manufacturers are importing Creatine into the United States in ever-increasing volumes

at prices that are significantly below the cost of production. The dumping of Chinese Creatine in the United States market clearly violates U.S. trade laws. The Chinese onslaught, assisted by numerous U.S. importers has seriously damaged U.S. Creatine producers and poses a grave and immediate threat to the continued existence of the Creatine industry in the United States.

In initiating its investigation, the U.S. International Trade Administration also indicates that it will investigate whether circumstances exist to warrant the retroactive imposition of dumping

duties on Chinese Creatine. Imports from China surged more than 150% in the fourth quarter of 1998.

Pfanstiehl has alleged in its petition that the dumping margin would range from 120 percent to 153 percent.

"We were gratified to see our government bring to bear its substantial resources to prevent the destruction of a U.S. Industry by dumped Creatine from China. We can only hope that the process moves quickly in the face of enormous efforts by the Chinese to dump huge amounts of the material here," said Ed Holstein, Vice President of Pfanstiehl Laboratories.

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Variations in traffic laws may confuse drivers

There may be more than just speed limit changes waiting for motorists at state borders, according to AAA-Chicago Motor Club.

Each state has its own traffic laws - governing everything from safety belts to tinted windows - that may confuse motorists.

"Speed limits are usually posted and easily noticed," said Brian Sterling, managing director of public affairs. "Other variations in traffic laws may surprise some drivers."

To assist traveling motorists, AAA publishes the Digest of Motor Laws - a comprehensive listing of traffic laws in the United States and Canada.

Examples of laws that may change with each state include the use of child seats, radar detectors and even fog lights. Motorists can be stopped and ticketed for failing to adhere to each state's traffic laws.

"Motorists should be aware of each state's traffic laws, even the lesser known ones," said Sterling. "Adherence to these laws is important for safe and enjoyable travel."

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Senate Minority Whip
Louis S. Viverito (D-11)

More senior citizens qualify for assessment freeze

Senate Minority Whip Louis S. Viverito (D-11) testified before the Senate Revenue Committee regarding Senate Bill 861, which he championed. The legislation permits more senior citizens to qualify for the senior citizen property tax assessment freeze, originally passed by the General Assembly in 1994.

The bill increases the household income level to qualify for the freeze from \$35,000 to \$40,000. Senate Bill 861 passed the Illinois Senate recently and now moves to the Illinois House for further consideration.

size Digest is organized by state, territory and Canadian province for easy reference. It includes insurance and emergency information, as well as four easy-to-read charts that detail alcohol, registration, safety and driver's license laws for each state and province.

The 1999 Digest of Motor Laws retails for \$8.95. To obtain a copy, contact AAA-CMC's Public Affairs Department at (847) 390-9000, ext. 447.

Governor's Open Land Trust proposal approved by Senate

Governor George H. Ryan's "Open Land Trust" initiative to acquire and protect open space for future generations was approved without objection by the Illinois Senate and now moves on for consideration by the House of Representatives.

Under the program, contained in Senate Bill 1087, land would be acquired by the state and local governments for conservation and recreation purposes.

"This legislation will significantly increase Illinois' ability to set aside land for open space to benefit our grandchildren and the generations that follow," Ryan said. "Illinois ranks almost dead last among the states in the amount of public lands for its residents. We can and should do better." Currently, the state budgets just \$3 million annually for the acquisition of natural areas. Over the past seven years, however, as much as 70 percent of those funds have been diverted for other state expenditures. To compound the problem, Illinois exhausted its bonding for general land acquisition three years ago.

The Illinois Open Land Trust is a \$160 million program that will provide \$40 million per year over the next four years. The governor included the first year funding for the program in his Fiscal Year 2000 budget proposal.

The program provides much needed state funds for land acquisition, as well as a combination of grants and loans to local governments for open space protection. It also provides for partnerships with non-governmental organizations provided

Virtual tax forms available

Do you still need to find tax forms before the April 15th deadline?

Why not make your life easier by visiting the 1998 Federal & State Income Tax Forms site on the Oak Lawn Public Library Home Page (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>). Link up to official sites with federal, Illinois and out of state tax forms and publications.

If you do not have a home computer, you may stop in to use one of the library's five Internet access computers for public use in the Reference Services Department.

second floor. Adults, high school and up, can reserve 60 minute periods on two of the computers. The remaining three stations are dedicated to walk-up use, limited to 15 minute periods. All Internet users must have basic computer skills. Staff will provide limited assistance. To make a reservation for Internet use, call 708-422-4990.

The library also provides a selection of basic federal and Illinois state income tax forms through April 15th on a self-serve basis in the Raymond Avenue entryway.

The most complete selection of federal and Illinois state income tax forms can be picked up at Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offices. The nearest federal location is 7601 S. Kostner, fourth floor, near the Ford City Shopping Center. To order federal forms and publications by phone, call 1-800-829-3676. State of Illinois tax forms can be picked up at 9730 S. Western Avenue, Evergreen Park.

Jesse White Secretary of State News

Sharing the road with an 18-wheeler, bus or other large vehicle can be intimidating, even for the most experienced drivers. Because of the immense size and weight of these vehicles, motorists need to be aware of what special precautions they should take when traveling behind or alongside a large vehicle.

Q. What precautions should I take when following a large vehicle?

A. Do not tailgate. Rear-ending a truck can result in an underride, where a car slides into and under the trailer. Allow adequate distance between you and the truck to maintain a clear view of the road ahead. A 4 to 6 second following distance is recommended.

Stay out of the driver's blind spots by positioning your vehicle so the truck driver can see you. You should be able to see the truck driver's reflection in his large side mirror. If you cannot see one of the truck driver's side mirrors or you cannot see the truck driver's reflection, then he or she cannot see you.

Dim your headlights when following a truck at night.

Reflections from high beams into their oversized mirrors can be blinding to a truck driver.

Q. What precautions should I take when passing a large vehicle?

A. Attain a clear view of the road ahead, apply your turn signal and gain sufficient speed to pass quickly. If at night, let the truck driver know you are passing by blinking your headlights. Be sure that you can see the entire front of the truck in your rearview mirror before you pull back into the truck's lane. Avoid an accident by maintaining your speed after entering the truck's lane. A large and heavy truck is difficult to maneuver and stop. Never pull suddenly in front of a truck when approaching a stop sign or traffic light.

Q. What special needs do large vehicles have when turning?

A. Be aware that trucks need to swing to the left to have room to make a right turn and swing to the right to turn left. Also, it courteous to allow them extra room by yielding the right of way or by backing up they can execute a wide turn.



Registration available for GSU courses being offered at Moraine Valley

Are you interested in furthering your education toward a degree in Business and Technology?

Governors State University, in cooperation with Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, is offering undergraduate course work toward a B.A. degree that helps you to develop your opportunities and accomplish your educational and professional goals.

Evening and weekend courses in Organizational Behavior, Labor Relations, Personal Stress Management, and Interpersonal Growth will be available on the Moraine Valley campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Students not currently admitted in a degree-seeking program at GSU may attend as non-degree-seeking or undeclared students. Undergraduate students must have 60 semester hours of academic credit from a region-

ally accredited institution. Students with less than 60 semester hours may register as special non-degree students. Graduate students must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution. Undeclared students must be in good standing at the most recent institution attended.

To apply for admission and to obtain additional information, contact the Admissions Office at (708) 535-4490.

Jammin' Juniors at Bridgeview

On Friday, April 16 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, will be hosting a Jammin' Juniors Gym Night for area 5th and 6th graders.

The fee for this event is \$3 per student and includes an evening of basketball, volleyball, and a pizza snack. Soda and other snack items are available for purchase.

All students must show proof of grade for admittance into the event (i.e. current report card, school ID, Park District Youth ID).

Activities are chaperoned by Park District staff and volunteers.

Students are asked to wear non-scut shoes and bring their own basketballs.

Zickus' anticrime bill receives unanimous vote

Legislation sponsored by State Representative Anne Zickus, that adds additional years to prison terms of criminals who use a firearm during the commission of crime, passed the Illinois House of Representatives unanimously.

House Bill 31, an initiative of Governor George Ryan and known as the 15-20-25 to Life Plan, provides for the additional sentence of 15 years for carrying weapon, 20 years for discharging the weapon and 25 years to natural life for discharging the weapon and causing great bodily harm or permanent disability or dis-

figurement, while committing another felony. The prescribed sentence shall be served in addition and consecutive to the penalty imposed for the underlying felony. These new offenses would also be included under the "Truth-in-Sentencing" statutes requiring at least 85% of the prison term to be served.

"This legislation was one of my top priorities to improve the safety of our communities by keeping violent criminals behind bars for a very long time," said Rep. Zickus (R-48, Palos Hills). HB-31 now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Talking Hands offered at Bridgeview Park

Registration is currently underway at Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, for Talking Hands, a sign language program designed especially for children four through eight years old, which will begin Wednesday, April 14 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The cost of this 6-week program is \$30 for residents and \$35 for all others. Parents may accompany their child to class at no extra charge. A family discount rate is also available. Registration will continue through April 10.

Children will come away with an appreciation of the deaf culture, as well as an introduction to sign language. ABC's, colors, and songs are just a few of the program's activities.

For more information about this and other sign language classes offered by Bridgeview Park District, call 708/594-1818.

Day Camp registration at Bridgeview Park

Bridgeview Park District residents may register at The Sports Complex, 8100 S. Beloit, for the summer day camp program for youth five through 12 years old, which will begin Mon., June 21.

Two four-week sessions will be conducted. Session 1 will run the June 21 through July 16. Session 2 dates are July 19 through August 13. Registration is being accepted for either four-week session or all 8 weeks. A five-day and three-day program is available.

The basic camp day is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. However, an early arrival and after camp care is also available for an additional cost.

The camp fee includes a tee shirt, field trips, pool free time (an on-site pool is available), swim lessons (for 5-day campers only), a light daily snack, all craft supplies, and gym activities.

In district registration only. Registration will continue through May 1st. Open registration will be taken May 2 through June 1. Registration is accepted in person only and proof of residency is required.

Girl softball league at Bridgeview

Registration for Bridgeview Park District's 16" girls softball league is currently underway through May 13 at The Sports Complex, 8100 S. Beloit.

Girls five through high school are invited to participate in this six-week league which meets both recreational-oriented and competition-oriented young athletes.

The league fees are \$40 for residents and \$50 for all others, and include a team tee shirt, pool party/end of season presentation, and participation award.

Girls five through seven years old will use a 12" rag ball and play twice a week.

Girls eight through seventeen will use a 16" softball and no mitts and will play twice a week, as well.

The season begins June 28th, games will be played at local Bridgeview parks.

Preregistration in person by May 13 and proof of residency is required. Birth certificates are required to be shown at time of registration by all new participants to the league.

Bridgeview Park offers youth sports night trip

Youth eleven through 17 years old are invited to register for Bridgeview Park District's bus trip to Do It All Soccer Enterprises and Volleyworld on Friday, April 23 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight.

Parents or legal guardians may register their child for this special event at The Sports Complex, 8100 S. Beloit, by April 7.

The program fee, which includes school bus transportation, chaperones, and pizza and pop is \$30 for district and \$35 for all others.

Youth will have four hours of jam packed fast paced action and excitement. Activities include floor hockey, wallyball, jam ball, soccer, and volleyball.

Bridgeview Meeting, March 24, 1999

By Jude Coyle

Mayor John Oregus was not able to attend the March 24 meeting of the Bridgeview Village Board. Trustee Steve Landek took his place. Trustees Michael Pticek, Joseph Kaput, Wayne Grabinski, Norma Pinion, Jeffrey Guidish, Attorney Dean Krone and Deputy Clerk Claudette Struzik also attended. The audience was extremely large, filling the aisles, extra seatings, and trailing into the hall.

Mr. Landek, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that the final payment to the engineer for the estimate for the parking lot at 100th Place and Industrial Drive came to \$6,000. He asked that the board approve the payment, and received it.

Mr. Kaput, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee asked that the board approve plans to donate abandoned bicycles that have accumulated throughout the year to the Salvation Army. This is an annual donation. Also, he asked that an unused copy machine be donated. It isn't working, but the Salvation Army might be able to fix it or sell it. Both donations were approved and Attorney

Krone was instructed to draw up necessary ordinances.

Mr. Grabinski, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, presented three business license applications to the board for approval:

A & R Recycling, Inc.
9228 S. Thomas
Recycling - Brokerage,
home office only

Nikolas Painting
Contractors, Inc.
8401 S. Beloit
Painting and wall
covering

Southside Cabinetry
and Flooring
7303 W. 75th Street
Kitchen and Bathroom
remodeling sales,
home office

All were approved.

Mr. Pticek, Chairman of the Municipal Administration Committee, asked that a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign is placed at 79th and Roberts Road. This was approved.

Mr. Landek then addressed the audience. He said that the trustees and village officials would be available after the meeting, either

on the floor of the board chambers, or in their office to answer questions or conduct village business. He would not allow this meeting to become the political circus the last one had become. Then he asked the board to adjourn. That was 7:40 p.m. on March 31.



NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead
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Psychic Predictions are for all Signs. I use NumAstrology [I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight!] Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You could be "meeting" your true self for the first time! The spiritual or inner you seems to have a mind of it's own and wants success for you! Meditate on the colour Orange and let it all come out! D aids.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You seem determined to have things your own way. Well, there are some serious things to consider, like, other people! What will they think? Health improves and your attitude towards yourself too. P aids.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Nothing is sweeter than love shared. You seem happier and a lot more energetic this week. Take those vitamins and make sure that your family knows you need alone time to re-energize. C helps, ask!

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You cannot help being idolized. People are looking up to you because you seem to have the answers they are looking for. Now, let them do for themselves what they can do for themselves. C and N involved.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Out from the darkness and into the light...this is where you will fare best. Sun and Fun, take time for you, and then, write about it. You could end up selling a book! Pisces and R help when asked.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: N and someone in the medical field can be your best helps this week and next. Someone needs prodding, get them started in something they can do. Time also to think about travel. Stomach aches?

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: A serious matter is about to come up with family members who depend mostly on you to do things for them. You can succeed if you insist that they help too. F and P involved and someone in the sign of Aquarius.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: What about those things that seem to be kept from you? Who but you can do what needs to be done, and say what needs to be said? To say or do nothing is to allow yourself to be led by the nose. A aids.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: It can come in a written form, where something good has been put into place for you. Accept the helps offered and be aware that your talent is your own personal surety of future success and security. H and T help, ask!

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Letter to the Editor

Flebbe to address Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization

Irene Flebbe, a naturalist for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization, on Friday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip.

Kate Staley, coordinator, announced that Flebbe will talk about the Sand Ridge Nature Center in South Holland where she has been assigned for the past two years.

Irene attended Northeastern Illinois University and majored in Environmental studies. She previously worked for the city of Chicago as naturalist because as she put it, "I love the outdoors!"

Political consultants almost always advise their challenger clients that they have two options in their campaign strategies when attacking incumbent opponents - negativity and more negativity. I am not an incumbent trustee and I am also not a proponent of negative campaigning. As a trustee candidate, I have opted to turn the other cheek in the face of the reckless allegations made in the Chicago Ridge Village Board election.

Due in part to the efforts of my Active Party colleagues, Dan Badon and Juanita Babcock, Chicago Ridge enjoys outstanding public services, low village taxes and lowered crime rates. This is a good time to be a Chicago Ridge resident, and it will only get better as we begin work to expand our solid commercial base and further enhance our community's image and quality of life. That is why my colleagues should be re-elected.

I believe that I am qualified to serve as a trustee on

the Chicago Ridge Village Board because I have an extensive background in village committee work. I have logged countless hours as a volunteer on charitable, academic, professional, social and political endeavors that have impacted the residents of our village, and I am confident that I can provide a professional, educated and responsible viewpoint on the issues that affect the citizens of Chicago Ridge.

My years in the investment business tell me that stability attracts investors. I believe that Chicago Ridge needs a stable village board and administration to help attract any future investment. Those who offer confrontation simply for confrontation's sake will only undermine our community's competitive position.

Carefully thought out and rational analysis of village issues is a promise I can deliver on. I ask for your support on Tuesday, April 13th.

Sincerely,
Donald F. Prati, Jr.

Letter to the Editor

They say that American voters vote with their pocketbooks and wallets. They vote to keep taxes low, and for those candidates who promise to do so. I hope that is true in Chicago Ridge, because the smartest voters will vote yes for the school referenda to keep taxes manageable, and our town intact.

That is right. Vote yes for the school referenda and keep taxes manageable. How, you may ask. Here is the truth.

The Chicago Ridge School Board has worked hard to keep the schools excellent without plunging the district into debt. They used available funds to take care of the schools, instead of borrowing and using our money to pay interest.

With the decrease in available state funding, and without the tax revenue generated by the mall and industrial park, (the district boundaries were drawn up before they existed), the schools have found doing the right thing, operating "in the black" next to impossible.

Nobody wants to raise their own taxes. It is natural to want to keep what is yours, but our schools have been shortchanged by a gov-

ernment which promises more funding, squanders our money, and sits idly by while our schools struggle to educate our only hope for the future, our children.

Now for the important news: If we don't come together to vote yes for our schools, things will be much worse for our wallets and pocketbooks, and for our community.

If these referenda do not pass, our school district will be consolidated with a neighboring school district. This will mean MUCH HIGHER TAXES than the ones proposed by our school board.

The neighboring school districts most likely to consolidate already have higher taxes, and with the additional financial burden our school kids will bring them, they would surely raise their already higher taxes EVEN HIGHER.

If we let these referenda fail, we may save money now, but pay much more to another school district in the very near future.

Tax money would not be our only loss. The consolidation would give another town greater say in what happens to our children, and our tax money. The schools

which now exist in harmony with our residential streets will most likely be torn down, and our children bussed away. This town will be less desirable for those looking for a nice town with good schools to live in, and property values will likely plummet.

If we sit on our duffs and let the referenda fail, we will pay most dearly and our wallets and pocketbooks will scream from all the outsiders dragging money out.

If we vote yes for the school referenda, we will keep our taxes manageable, keep our tax money in town, keep the children in our town well educated, and keep our community together and our future bright. Darin Widmer

Spring Flea Market

The Senior Citizen Council will hold a Spring Flea Market at the Oak Lawn Senior Center on Friday and Saturday, April 30th and May 1st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 29th will be drop off day for those wishing to donate items.

Lunch will also be served at the Center for a nominal fee. Hot dogs, sandwiches, salads, desserts and coffee will be available.

The Center is located at 5330 W. 95th Street. For further information call 708-499-0240.

Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation sponsors conference

Conference on faith, family, and freedom sponsored by the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation will be held April 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Keynote Speaker will be Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz; also Rev. John-Peter Pham, Rev. John A. Hardon, S. J. and Dr. Warren H. Carroll. The cost is \$44 for conference and lunch; \$22 for keynote speaker and lunch; and \$22 for conference only.

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Library prepares for grounds improvements

Summary of Library Board of Trustees Meeting, March 16

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees reviewed a set of plans to improve and enhance the exterior of the library at their regular monthly meeting, March 16.

"In keeping with the efforts of village officials to beautify the center of town, we are pressing forward to improve the appearance of our building and grounds," said Dr. James B. Casey, library director.

The first step involves power washing the brick exterior of the building. Landscaping will then follow with the addition of trees, bushes and flower beds in the 95th Street atrium and south side of the building. These projects are scheduled to begin in late March, weather permitting.

Other capital improvements scheduled for 1999 include replacement of the 14-year-old telephone system for library use and the

Adult Reference Services Desk, which will serve to provide additional work space for staff and better access for the disabled.

In regular business, the library board approved payment of \$54,104.60 for library materials and \$52,256.64 for general operating expenses. No board policies were up for review this month.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level. Board members include: Shirley Barrett, president; Joann Buschbach, vice president; Lee Stein, secretary; Marian Sullivan, treasurer; Lois Gasteyer, Robert Honkisz and Patricia Roberts, trustees.

Celebrate National Library Week, April 11-17

Today, more than ever, libraries provide a variety of resources that help patrons read, learn and reach out for the tools they need for school, work and personal fulfillment. In celebration of National Library Week, April 11 - 17, the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will offer a series of educational, entertaining and enriching programs for patrons of all ages.

This year's theme is "Reach for the World — READ!" So think of your library card as a passport to the world. If you have not been to the Oak Lawn Public Library in a while, National Library Week is a good time to "check it out."

The following free programs will be held in the library's lower level meeting room:

April 11 at 2 p.m. - "Pango: Steel Drums" a Sunday with Friends concert sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

April 13 at 6:30 p.m. - Great Books discussion of "A Simple Heart" by Gustave Flaubert. Reading material is now available at the library's Community Information Center.

April 14 at 7 p.m. -

registration fee.

Daley college offers both baccalaureate and career programs, and offers an honors program for high achieving students. The Daley College student honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, is rated among the top twenty chapters in the nation.

The College Fair will take place in the Daley College Gymnasium, 7500 South Pulaski Road in Chicago. Colleges represented will include the University of Illinois, Chicago State University, Governors State University, Columbia College, DePaul, Dominican University, Elmhurst College, and

"Footloose in Wales," a travelog presented by John Lynn.

April 15 at 7 p.m. - "Asia As I Saw It," a travelog presented by Susan Baird, the library's Patron Services Department Head since 1985.

April 17 at 2 p.m. - "The World of Pooh" for children of all ages, presented by American Eagle Productions. Free tickets are now available at the Youth Services Desk.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708/422-4990.

Library offers "The World of Pooh"

Children of all ages are invited to join Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, and Tigger on their merry adventures in "The World of Pooh," an enchanting musical production, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street. Free tickets are available at the Youth Services Desk.

Tickets will be distributed first-come, first-served. Adults will not be issued tickets, but those accompanying children under the age of seven are welcome to attend.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call Youth Services, 708-422-4990, pick up a Winter/Spring 1999 program booklet or visit the Youth Services site on the Oak Lawn Public Library Home Page (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>).

Roosevelt University.

For more information on the College Fair at Daley College, call (773) 838-7935.



As part of a mission trip, Oak Lawn residents, Henry and Grace Kamp, canvassed the island of Barbados on behalf of the "Voice of Life" radio station ZGBC owned by the Back to God Hour. This radio station is just one of the many that used Back to God Hour programming produced here in the United States.

Primary Focus produced by Oak Lawn residents

Oak Lawn residents Henry and Grace Kamp are happy to help get the word out about a new television program that is being produced by the Back to God Hour of Palos Heights. Henry is the regional representative of the southwest suburban area of Chicago for this organization. The Back to God Hour is a radio and television ministry funded by the Christian Reformed Church denomination. Henry and Grace are members of the Calvin Christian Reformed Church in Oak Lawn. The name of the new show which debuts in April is Primary Focus, a half-hour news magazine television program hosted by Dr. Cal Bremer, director of ministries of the Back to God Hour.

This unique, fast-paced

program will examine current issues such as witchcraft, the millennium mania, the truth about lies, and what lies beyond the grave from a biblical perspective in a passionate, truthful way. It will air throughout the United States on Friday mornings at 8 a.m. on the PAX-TV network. PAX-TV is currently available in more than 51 million households. Also included in the format of the show will be a telephone ministry called "Faith Line." Faith Line will connect viewers with people and resources in their local communities. Henry Kamp has been a Faith Line phone volunteer for the past 12 years when it was featured as part of the "Faith 20" show which was recently discontinued.

Colleges to exhibit at Daley Fair

Daley College is providing an easy way to visit dozens of colleges in a single day. College representatives from fifty colleges and universities will be talking with students and future students at the Daley College Fair, Thursday, April 15, from 10:30 - 4 p.m. "This fair is open to everyone," said Cyndi Vazquez-Barrios, Acting Director of the Daley College Career Center. "We want to provide Daley College students, students at local high schools, and other local residents with the simplest way possible to consider options for the next step in their education," she said.

"We often see older students, starting college after they have raised a family," she added, citing one recent graduate who started at Daley twenty years after graduating from high school. That student completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Chicago last year, and this year began medical school. "Those are the stories we especially like to hear," said Vazquez-Barrios. She noted that the average age of students at the college is twenty-nine, and that many students are in their forties and beyond. Daley offers tuition-free college classes for senior citizens 65 and over; they pay only a

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Joan Geary to serve as Honorary Chair at "Read a Book Ball"

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation proudly announces that Joan Geary, general manager of the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, will serve as Honorary Chair for the third annual "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball" fund raiser scheduled to climax during National Library Week, April 11-17.

Pictured left to right: Joann Buschbach, foundation member; Joan Geary and Patricia Roberts, foundation president.

The "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball" is a special "nonevent" fund raiser that requires minimum effort from its participants. There's no need to get all dressed up, drive across town and stay out too late. Instead, contributors make a tax-deductible donation to the Library Foundation and decide for themselves when they would like to "stay home and read a book." Proceeds from the event will be added to an endowment fund established for the future needs of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

For additional information, call Dr. James B. Casey at the library, 708-422-4990.



Blast-off at McAuley: Sr. Roz Iasillo, RSM, Science teacher and Department Chairperson at Mother McAuley High School, prepares for the NASA Mission Moonlink in Mother McAuley's computer lab with Most Holy redeemer Elementary School students.

McAuley brings Moonlink to Holy Redeemer students

In a collaborative effort with Most Holy Redeemer School in Evergreen Park, Mother McAuley High School offered an opportunity to develop a link between the space and education communities. Recently, 50 students in McAuley's computer lab, were able to interact with a Moonlink Mission Controller and experience a live NASA space mission. Via the Internet, students could connect with the Mission Controller. The student Mission Team took "control" of the Lunar Prospector Mission that included real-time data acquisition from the spacecraft and an interactive exercise.

Moonlink is an education, outreach and public aware-

ness program for the Lunar Prospector Mission through NASA. Sr. Roz Iasillo, RSM, Science Department Chairperson and faculty member at McAuley, spearheaded the program with the technical assistance of McAuley's Computer Center staff. Sr. Roz invited the eighth grade students and their teachers to take part in this innovative space education program. Students involved are able to mirror the actual positions of the Mission Team that include a mission director, launch director and spacecraft engineer. Mrs. Barbara Hofbauer and Mrs. Peg Zack, science teachers at Most Holy Redeemer School, spent several weeks preparing the students for the mission with a curriculum and materials supplied by Space Explorers. Soon the high school version of this program will be part of the physical science curriculum at McAuley.

Sr. Roz has been in partnership with many elemen-

tary schools for the past four years including St. James on Wabash, Queen of Martyrs, St. John Fisher and St. Jerome. Some elementary school science teachers indicated a need to develop or modify their current science program. For some, her involvement was as simple as selecting texts while for others it may involve meeting with teachers to develop curriculum, share science equipment or actually teaching a lab. Sr. Roz believes, "If you educate well at the elementary level, the high school science experience will be so much more enhanced. Some elementary schools have not had the resources available to develop their science program. This is where McAuley can be helpful."

Conceal a flaw, and the world will imagine the worst.

—Martial

It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.

—Lucius Annaeus Seneca



Dancin' the night away

A bird's eye view from the balcony of St. Laurence High School's gymnasium shows a record crowd at this year's Mother-Son Dance. Sponsored by the Mothers' Club, this is one of the most popular events at the school. Over 425 students and their moms attended the dinner where they also danced to the music provided by "Blues Brothers." Cindy Nothhelfer of Oak Lawn and Cindy Koss of Burbank served as co-chairs of the event.



Students stage 'walk' in support of war memorial

Recently, students, faculty and some parents — 250 in all — of Burbank's Tobin School gathered at the site of the proposed Veterans Memorial monument, 85th Street and State Road. The

'walk' demonstrated support for the monument project and provided a basis for their civics lesson. When arriving back in their classrooms, kindergarten through sixth grade teachers conducted discussions relating to the meaning of the flag, patriotism and the contributions and sacrifices made by members of the armed forces

to the country. "We were honored to take part in this project. It was a very positive experience for all," said John Young, principal. 'Walk' raised over \$500 for the fund drive. Approximately \$29,000 of the \$50,000 goal has now been reached. Donations may be sent to Veterans Memorial Fund, c/o Cole Taylor Bank, 5501 W. 79th St., Burbank, IL 60453.

Christ Hospital and Medical

The Week of April 12:

Post-Polio Support Group - A support group for people who have had polio will meet Monday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. This group meets regularly on the second Monday of every month. Meetings are free and family members and friends are welcome. No registration required.

Happy Hearts Support Group - A support group for

individuals who have undergone open-heart surgery or have heart disease will meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Family members are welcome. Blood pressures are offered before the meeting from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This free group meets regularly on the second Tuesday of every month.

Alzheimer's Support group - A support group for families dealing with

Alzheimer's and other diseases related to aging will meet on Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Advocate Transitional Care Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. This free group meets regularly on the second Wednesday of every month. No registration required. For more information contact Tina Stojak, director of Social Services at 708/229-3058.

Illinois Eye Bank salutes Christ Hospital and Medical Center

Christ Hospital and Medical Center of Oak Lawn has been recognized by the Illinois Eye-Bank as one of the top eye donor hospitals in Illinois. During 1998, the Christ Hospital and Medical Center staff, while counseling grieving families, reminded them of the opportunity to donate eye tissue so that others might see. As a result of donor family generosity and the dedication of staff members at Illinois hospitals, like those at Christ, 1,374 corneal grafts were provided to Illinois recipients for sight restoring transplant surgeries.

The Illinois Eye-Bank, founded in 1947, has been

helping to give the Gift of Sight by promoting eye donations across the state. The Illinois Eye-bank and its affiliate, the BroMenn-Watson Gailey Eye-Bank in Normal/Bloomington, together serve the northern two-thirds of Illinois, providing over 96% of all corneal tissue used for transplants by Illinois citizens. The Eye-Bank's mission is sight restoration, accomplished through the recovery and distribution of eyes and corneal tissue for transplantation, research and education.

For more information, call the Illinois Eye-Bank at 800/548-4703.

Donations needed for medical treatment

Nicole Henry is a vibrant 10 year old who has been diagnosed with brain stem cancer. It's devastating to learn of cancer in one so young. But Nicole is so brave - unfortunately, this type of cancer is inoperable and treatment is minimal.

Nicole is currently undergoing treatment of chemotherapy as of a trial plan with Duke University that has a 2 year time limit—provided the plan is successful. As you may have guessed, many of the services are experimental and are not covered under the Henry's benefit plan. Charges are escalating as fast as \$1,000 per week, out of pocket to her family.

Nicole has lived 8 weeks past her diagnosis, so everyone is praying for a miracle.

You could help Nicole by sending your donations to Lutheran Brotherhood Moraine Valley Branch #8923. Lutheran Brotherhood will match 2 for 1, up to \$2,401.00.

Send donations to Bob Miller, 9341 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Donations will not be accepted after April 23rd.

Rummage needed

Garden Center for the Handicapped needs rummage for their semiannual Rummage Sale. Donations of rummage will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 8333 S. Austin Avenue in Burbank. The rummage sale will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 22 through 24th; take sale, Thursday and Friday. For further information please call 708/636-0054.

Families encouraged to save long-term care

Families would be eligible for a tax credit for purchasing long-term care insurance under legislation sponsored by Senator Christine Radogno that passed the Senate recently.

Senate Bill 128 creates a new tax credit for up to 15 percent of the cost of long-term care insurance premiums.

"The average cost for nursing home care is estimated at \$44,000 each year," said Radogno. "That is an astounding figure, especially for families on a limited income."

"This legislation encourage families to take out long-

Little Company hosts adult health fair

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is pleased to announce its annual health fair to be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 10, 1999. The fair will be held at the St. Bernadette Church Quonset Hut and O'Brien Hall, 9339 S. Francisco, Evergreen Park.

The event is held each spring to reinforce Little Company's commitment to the health and wellness of the community it serves.

This health fair, aimed at adults of all ages and genders, includes comprehensive blood testing to detect diabetes, gout, kidney and liver disorders, and blood cholesterol level for \$30. The day also includes FREE screenings for height,

weight, respiration and blood pressure, as well as a colon rectal cancer detection take home kit.

While waiting for testing, you can visit information booths and learn about the wide variety of programs offered by Little Company.

No appointment is required, and tests are administered in the order guests sign in the day of the event. If you are planning to take advantage of the blood screening, please note: do

not eat for the 12 hours prior to your test, and drink only water, black coffee, or clear tea. Diabetics should not fast, and should take their insulin as usual. Take all prescription medications as usual. Call 708/229-5830 for information.

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Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

Remember that, anger is only one letter short of danger. Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss events; Small minds discuss people. God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it into it's nest.

He who loses money, loses much;
He who loses a friend, loses more;
He who loses faith, loses all.
Beautiful people are acts of nature, but beautiful.
Old people are works of art.
Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
The tongue weighs practically nothing, but so few people can hold it.

Friends, you and me...
You brought another friend... and then there were three...
We started our group... Our circle of friends...
and like that circle... there is no beginning or end...

Guardian Angel

MVCC to offer med./clerical classes

Moraine Valley Community College will offer three noncredit medical/clerical classes in April

Safety Precautions for the Medical Office Worker will meet on Monday, April 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. The class will take place in Building B, Room 134, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. The cost is \$35. Participants will discuss the means necessary to prevent infection, as well as safety precautions and standards designed for healthcare workers and patients by OSHA.

Medical Transcription will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning April 20. The cost of the eight-week class is \$223.50 for college district residents, and \$576 for those who reside outside the college district. A textbook is also required. Participants will learn how to accurately complete a health record and attain the skills needed for entry-level employment.

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As a parent recalling the memories I have shared with my children, my heart is filled with contentment for all the well-meaning things I have done for them. I can also recall being a child, and those thoughts bring to mind the good intentions my parents had for me. Their dream in life was to raise a happy, healthy family, which was not unlike my own. When my father died at McAllister Nursing Home, he was 75. After watching him suffer the last few years with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's, I felt a wave of relief that he was finally at peace, but this was followed by the sad reality that with his passing, I was no one's child. My middle age years have been enriched by the many facets of his life.

As a teenager I would hear tales told across the kitchen table of Dad's youth lived in the Great Depression era. Who could imagine only having gravy and bread for dinner, or wearing gym shoes with rubber patches that covered holes to keep your feet warm? I certainly couldn't. I didn't want to hear his lectures on how he sacrificed to give his family a better life. I took for granted the cabinets filled with food and closets that held more than one pair of shoes, all new and in tact.

I saw a slightly mellow side to him the day he assumed the role as Father of the Bride. With a tear in his eye and an extra tight hug, he gave his oldest daughter "away." These are also memories a daughter has of her dad when the honor of Grandpa is bestowed upon him. He became Poppy, whose smile could light up the world at the sight of his grand kids. He replaced tricycles that got stolen, erected swing sets in his backyard, and was the official bearer of gifts that little grandchildren just had to have.

When Alzheimer's snuck into his life, it was emotionally wrenching to place Dad in a nursing home, but for his own safety and our sanity, it was the only solution. Even as his mind was deteriorating, I found a man's integrity hard to defeat. Dad would spend a lot of time inquiring at the nurses' station where he could get a job to pay for his meals. "I can work" he'd tell them. It wasn't in his nature to accept something for nothing. Once, Dad managed to get out of the nursing home and hail a cab. He instructed the driver to take him to Canaryville, his childhood home. Here was a man who didn't recognize his own children, and yet in his memory lived the determination to go home to his boyhood family. Luckily, a nurse found him in time.

With his passing, I feel as if I've taken his place on the top of life's ladder. Now as I realize I'm the parent whose teenagers don't really want to hear about all the sacrifices I'm making for them. I suddenly find my thoughts drifting back to my own childhood, where life was safe and simple. There are memories that stick in a woman's mind. Memories a wife has of a faithful husband and dedicated father. There are also memories a daughter has of a committed dad and dotting grandfather. I look at my husband who gives so selflessly of himself to his children and I know these memories will be firmly planted in our daughters' hearts, just as my father's memory is so firmly planted in mine.

Researchers find no link between amalgam, Alzheimer's

Researchers report they have found no link between dental amalgam and Alzheimer's disease, according to a study published in the most recent issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association.

In recent years, several anti-amalgam groups have charged that the mercury in dental amalgam can promote diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's and others. These charges have never been substantiated by research and have been vehemently denied by the organizations who work to conquer these diseases.

The authors studied 68 subjects with Alzheimer's disease and 33 control subjects without Alzheimer's to determine mercury levels in multiple brain regions at autopsy and to ascertain the subjects' dental amalgam status and history. The subjects were from central Kentucky and Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

The investigators conducted dental amalgam assessments during the lives of the majority of subjects and in some subjects at the time of autopsy only. The authors also determined three dental amalgam index scores - Event (placement, repair or

removal of amalgam), Location, and Time in Mouth - in addition to the number of amalgam fillings and where they occur on the chewing surfaces of teeth.

The investigators determined that mercury levels in multiple brain regions and performed full neuropathologic evaluations to confirm the normal status of the brain or the presence of Alzheimer disease.

The researchers found no significant association of Alzheimer's disease in conjunction with the number, surface area and history of having dental amalgam fillings. They also found no statistically significant differences in brain mercury levels between subjects who had Alzheimer's and those who did not.

The researchers concluded that dental amalgam fillings, regardless of number, chewing surface area or time, do not relate to brain mercury levels.



John P. O'Gara

Marquette National Bank hires John P. O'Gara

Marquette National Bank is pleased to announce that John P. O'Gara joined the

bank as Vice President, Commercial Real Estate. John will be responsible for commercial lending and business development for the bank.

With 25 years of experience in commercial lending, prior to joining Marquette National Bank, he was employed by Standard Bank and Republic Bank. John is a veteran south-sider having graduated from St. Laurence High School in Burbank. O'Gara is a past Director of the Evergreen Park Chamber. He currently resides in Evergreen Park with his wife where he enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf and dancing.

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The auspicious group gathered at Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 Harlem Avenue, Palos Heights, for its 60th Anniversary Celebration recently included: Back row (L-R): Present Pastor Kathleen and David Peterson, Ruth and Rev. Ken Kortemeier, Jane and Rev. Eldon Schriver, Beth and Gene Paschall. Front Row: Erma and Rev. Bill Bryan, Alice Jeffords and Rev. James Odom, Freda and Rev. Paul Whittle.

Sixty years of pastors

"Long before there was much else here but oak trees, farms and open land, there was a group of people who greatly wanted to start what became Palos United Methodist Church, but was first and for many years, the only community church of Palos Heights," said Kathleen Peterson, presently serving as Pastor there. "So we have a very special place in the history of our community," she added.

The 60th Anniversary of the church took place on Sunday, February 28, with a special worship service of sharing and remembrance and an all-church dinner following. Event Coordinator, April Parker (life-member) lit up the Fellowship Hall with scores of designer candles, balloons, etc., ably

assisted in the decoration and setup by Marilyn Summers (life-member) and Barb Pocius, who, with her brother, Tim Jackson (Shalet Florist, 8501 Cicero, Chicago) donated all the table flowers, corsages and boutonnières. Alice Hill updated the church scrap books and Pete Nielsen's videos of church occasions throughout the years were shown.

The letter sent by Rev. Ross and Agnes Sweeny describing some of the hardships, joys and funny moments of getting the church started was read by lifetime member, Phyllis Adams. Karen Swatkowski, also a life-member, read the one from Rev. Ed and Diana Mixon.

Ruth Vadoski was unable to attend because of recent

surgery, but sent her message through Ruth Kortemeier. Rev. Herbert and Ruth Null are both deceased, but a letter sent for the 50th from them was read. That's 60 years of pastors, with the first few led by laity, in original Methodist tradition.

"The event was a great gathering of memories, as well as a great inspiration for our future here," said Durward Fagan, 87, the last surviving Charter Member of the Church. He and his wife Edna, who just died, March 8, were especially honored and praised for their great faithfulness to the church all these years.

The day was chronicled in photographs by Kent Jager and a video by Jerry Massey.

Experience the healing touch of Barbara O'Malley

The Healing Ministry with Barbara O'Malley began in May of 1981 during a nine day festival of Faith at St. Pius X Parish. Barbara received a very special Gift of Healing, which she continues to share throughout the world. Her Healing Services, Retreats and Days of Prayer have brought countless testimonies of physical, emotional and spiritual healings.

The following is her Healing Service Schedule:

Sunday, April 11, 2 p.m. - Lombard Community Center, no reservations required, no admission charge.

Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m. - Lombard Community Center, no reservations required, no admission charge.

Friday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. - Polish Highlanders Hall, 4808 S. Archer Ave., no reservations required, no admission charge.

Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. - Crystal Light Banquet Hall, 8400 S. Cicero Ave., no reservations required, no admission charge.

May 5-14 - Holy Land Pilgrimage with Barbara O'Malley. Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Holy Spirit Celebration Day of Prayer - Villa Olivia Country Club, Lake Street & Naperville Road, Bartlett, IL. Cost \$50 per person, at door registration fee is \$55.

Friday, June 11, 7:30 p.m. - Polish Highlanders Hall, 4808 S. Archer Ave. No reservations required. No admission charge.

For a reservation form or more information please call 630 - 620-1825.

Davis announces annual college scholarship program

Davis Staffing, Inc. is pleased to announce its 6th Annual College Scholarship Program, which begins May 3 and runs through August 6, 1999. Each of Davis' three offices will award one college student with \$500.00 towards his or her education.

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Teresa Yanez

Marquette National Bank announces promotion of Teresa Yanez

Recently Marquette National Bank announced the promotion of Teresa Yanez to the position of Credit Officer. Teresa's new responsibilities within the credit department include analyzing commercial lines of credit, leasing agreements and commercial real estate loans.

Joining the bank in 1995, she held the position of teller at the Pulaski location, before being promoted to Credit Analyst in the Commercial Leasing Department in early 1996. In the Leasing Department, Ms. Yanez acted as coordinator for both the 50-99 Program and BankVest...two leasing programs targeting small businesses. She has earned a Bankers' Essential Certificate from the American Institute of Banking.

Ms. Yanez also holds an Associates Degree from Moraine Valley College and a Bachelors Degree from Governors State University. Teresa resides in Bridgeview, where she spends her free time with family and friends.

Join Hike for Life

Join in the celebration of Life on either Saturday, May 8th or May 15th by hiking or sponsoring a hiker in the SPC Pregnancy & Family Service's annual Hike for Life. This year's hike will take place in Yankee Woods located at 163rd & Central in Oak Forest.

SPC is a crisis pregnancy center with life affirming in-house helps such as childbirth classes, parenting classes, and GED tutoring, to name a few. Let footprints make a difference for the life of an unborn child because Life is Precious. Call SPC Pregnancy and Family services for a sponsor sheet or more information at 708/346-9070.

Hilton hosts fashion show

The Hilton Oak Lawn, located at 9333 S. Cicero, will host a Spring Wedding Faire and Fashion Show on Wednesday, April 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m., fashion show at 8 p.m. Eva's Bridals of Oak Lawn along with Seno Formal Wear of Chicago Ridge will be featuring their latest in wedding attire. Music will be provided by Tone Productions of Oak Lawn.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than 50 exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes and take a tour of the hotel suites and Tower Room. Every person touring the suites receives a chance to win a complimentary overnight stay in the Deluxe Jacuzzi Bedroom Suite. Special discounts are available to show attendees. Book any one of the hotel's three honeymoon packages the night of the bridal show to receive a 20% discount.

The grand prize, an all inclusive dream vacation to one of the fabulous Sandals Resort in Jamaica, provided by Sandals Resort and Janis Anne Travel, Inc. This prize will be given away to one lucky bride after the fashion show. Airfare is not in-

cluded. Winner must be present to win.

An express menu will be available in Whitney's Restaurant from 4 - 6 p.m. and the Hilton Gift Shoppe is open until 8 p.m.

Call 708/229-8850 and receive two free tickets to the show, while the supply lasts. Admission charge the night of the show \$5.00.

McAuley camp brings sounds of summer

A Summer String Camp is being offered for grammar school and high school students at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 W. 99th Street. Participants will have the opportunity to improve playing skills, learn new techniques, meet other musicians and have some fun. The camp is offered June 14 - 17 and is open to all levels of String Instrumentalists (violin, viola, cello, and bass). Students will be grouped according to ability, and must have an instrument and some experience. The fee is \$75.

More information can be obtained by calling 773/881-6542.

Health Awareness Day

Cancer and its treatment can affect a woman both emotionally and physically. Recognizing that a positive self-image is vital to a woman's sense of well-being, Christ Hospital and Medical Center, Oak Lawn, will present the 13th annual

"Best Look Forward: Image and Health Awareness Day," especially for women who are experiencing cancer.

Best Look Forward will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and Conference Centre,



McAuley Little School students, left to right: Jack Wiedeman, Tom Parus, Christine Oksas, and Kate Hinde hop to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy.

Ready, set, hop

The three and four year old students at Mother McAuley High School's Little School had a special lesson last week - disability awareness. While many organizations raise money for charitable causes, not many have as much fun as these students did. Through their hops and pledges, the little students raised more than \$1,000.

The Hop-a-thon, a benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, provides an opportunity for children to have fun, gain a better understanding of life with disabilities and raise money for a vital cause. Each child collects pledges for the number of times they hop during a one minute period. The money raised remains in the Chicago area to assist families with camps, flu shots, support groups, wheelchairs and comprehensive services associated with muscular dystrophy.

The Hop-a-thon is supervised by McAuley senior student teachers who participate in daily activities, teaching and supervision at McAuley Little School. The school provides a laboratory environment where students interested in pursuing an educational career can obtain college credits.

Beissmann to speak at Phoenix Group meeting

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Tickets for Best Look Forward are \$20.00 per person, and family and friends are welcome. Registration is requested by April 10, and may be made by calling Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.

—Plutarch

Problem solving is discussed at Phoenix Group

The St. Albert Phoenix Group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month will feature Michael Azzaline. On Tuesday, April 13, Mr. Azzaline will speak on "Problem Solving. Michael Azzaline is a Certified Addiction Counselor and has worked since 1989 in the PCH Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program as an Outpatient Psychotherapist. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at St. Albert the Great, 5555 S. State Road.

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month will feature Caron Beissmann. On Thursday April 22, Ms. Beissmann will speak on "Ten Steps of Positive Living in a Negative World." Caron is a popular speaker with local churches and community groups. She herself is a divorced mom who raised four children and will speak on having a positive attitude. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the St. Fabian Parish Social Center,



Stroger meets with Ireland's Attorney General

Recently, Cook County Board President John Stroger welcomed Ireland's Attorney General, David Byrne who was here on a visit. Pictured (left to right): Cook County Assessor Tom Hynes; Mrs. Geraldine Byrne; Cook County Board President John H. Stroger; and David Byrne, Attorney General of Ireland.

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Sister Margaret Zalot (center) pictured with award recipients Sister Marilyn Kuzmickas (left) and Mary Rudis (right)

Snowball 99 a hit

Maria High School's third annual gala benefit, Snowball 99, was a huge success. Snowball was cochaired by Eileen Jordan Cherney '51 and Joanne DeCoste Velasquez '58. Two hundred and seventy alumnae, faculty, parents and friends raised over \$45,000 for Maria! The event was held at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park on January 23, 1999.

The evening honored the recipients of the Maria Kaupas and Hall of Fame

Awards. The Hall of Fame Award was presented to Mary Juozaitis Rudis '32, cofounder of Rockwell Engineering Company. Sister Marilyn Kuzmickas was the recipient of the Maria Kaupas Award. Sister Marilyn was the former General Superior of the Sister of St. Casimir.

A silent auction started the evening with bids taken on such items as an autograph picture of Michael Jordan. A live auction brought in huge bids for sports memorabilia

and one-of-a-kind treasures donated by the Sisters of St. Casimir. Snowball's grand raffle prize was a round-trip vacation for two to Acapulco. After dinner, guests danced to music provided by SenSation. Corporate sponsors for the event were Azteca Foods, Inc. and Marquette National Bank.

"It was so great to have so many alumnae as well as the business community gathered together for a special night," said Sister Margaret Zalot, President.



Mars is known as the "red planet" because of the iron oxide in its soil.

Southwest Symphony explores world of folk music

Southwest Symphony Orchestra and guest artists, the Lira Dancers and Pytlík Brothers Polish Folk Band, will explore the world of folk music and folk dance at the orchestra's Saturday, April 17 concert. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th Street.

The community-based orchestra, whose theme for the year has been "Rediscover the Southwest Symphony," will lead listeners on a voyage of discovery as it plays music from Europe and America.

The dancers will perform with Pytlík Brothers Band and then join with the symphony for the Mazurka from Moniuszko's opera "Straszny Dwór" (The Haunted Manor).

Music Director David Crane will be on the podium as the orchestra plays Vaughan Williams "English Folk Song Suite," Smetana's "Three Dances" from "The Bartered Bride," Bartók's "Rumanian Folk Dances" and "Aaron Copland's Suite" from the ballet, "Billy the Kid."

Formed in 1994, the nine-member Lira Dancers are the newest unit of the Lira Ensemble, this country's only professional performing arts company specializing in Polish music, song and dance. The troupe performs dances from Poland's various regions and from Polish royal court and manor houses, all in historically and regionally correct costumes.

Their choreographer is Anthony Dobrzanski, who immigrated to the United States as a teenager and was associated with the Chicago ballet scene, as well as the Polonez Dancers of the Polish National Alliance, before joining Lira. He is also known for his research into Polish dance, folk and period costumes.

The accompanying Polish folk band includes Czesław Pytlík, accordion; Stanisław Pytlík, clarinet; Roman Kłoczek, violin; and Jan Makowka, bass.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. They may be ordered by phoning the symphony office at 708-802-0686.

Prairie Trails Library celebrates 30th anniversary

Prairie Trails Public Library, 8449 S. Moody Ave., Burbank, is celebrating its 30th anniversary during National Library Week, April 10-17 the library is planning a week of special programming to observe its many years of service in the community. Registration is required for all programs. Sign up at the library or by phone at (708) 430-3688.

Sat., April 10, 9 a.m. - Burbank Cultural Art League demonstration

Mon., April 12, 3:30 p.m. - If You Give a Mouse a Cookie children's program

Mon., April 12, 7 p.m. - Horticulturist Jim Fizzell, author of "The Illinois Gardeners Guide"

Tues., April 13, at 7 p.m. - Boxcar Children Author Vivien Schurfranz

Wed., April 14, 7 p.m. - Time to Reminisce: Burbank Local History

Thurs., April 15, 7 p.m. - True Crime with columnist John O'Brien

Fri., April 16, 10 a.m. - Basic Computing

Sat., April 17, 1 p.m. - Prairie Trails Library 30th Anniversary Party, featuring the Jesse White Tumbling Team

Enter the library's raffle for fabulous prizes! Gift certificates, dinner certificates, and more! Thirty winners in all. One dollar per entry, six for five dollars, available at the library. Winning entries will be drawn at the anniversary celebration Saturday, April 17. There will be a separate, free children's prize drawing at the end of each day from entries deposited at the Circulation Desk.

The library's annual book sale will take place during anniversary week, April 10-17.

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Military News

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bernard J. Delr, son of Arline E. and John E. Deir Sr. of Burbank, recently participated in the Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Ross, home ported in Norfolk, Va. The 1995 graduate of Reavis High School joined the Navy in July 1995.

Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Scudella's, a 1996 graduate of Stagg High School of Palos Hills, recently completed an exercise in Kuwait while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready group. He joined the Marine Corps in February 1996.

Air Force Airman James M. Kenealy, son of Nancy L. and Michael J. Kenealy of Oak Lawn, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is a 1998 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Timothy A. Madigan, son of Diane M. Bruesch-Airey of Oak Lawn and

Frank W. Madigan of Lake Villa, Illinois, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn.

Madigan is a student at Richards High School. He will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Anthony J. Lee, son of Sharon L. Lee of Chicago, recently arrived in the Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Currently on a six-month deployment, Lee's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

The 1994 graduate of Bogan High School joined the Navy in January 1995.

Navy Seaman John P. Jagodzinski, son of Sharon S. Jagodzinski of Burbank, recently arrived in the Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Currently on a six-month deployment, Jagodzinski's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

The 1997 graduate of

Reavis High School joined the Navy in October 1997.

Navy Airman William C. Gallacher, son of William S. Gallacher of Burbank, recently arrived in the Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Currently on a six-month deployment, Gallacher's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

The 1997 graduate of Reavis High School joined the Navy in December 1997.

Joshua M. Walter, son of Mark E. Walter of Burbank and Penny G. Walter of Palos Hills, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn.

Walter is a senior at Reavis High School in Burbank and will report to Fort Columbus, Ga. for basic training.

Garden Club Installation

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual Spring Installation Luncheon on Thursday, April 22nd, at the House of Hughes, 143rd and Cicero at 12:00 noon.

The officers to be installed are: Marion Smith, president; Noreen Anderson, vice-president; Florence Bordoshuk, treasurer; Mary Lou Vahl, recording secretary; and Marge Clinkman, corresponding secretary. For further information call 708/424-4846.



St. Linus 5th grade students participating in the Bank at School class with Linda Boyer, Assistant Vice President, Founders Bank.

Local bank encourages young savers

"It's never too early to teach children good savings habits," commented Linda Boyer, Assistant Vice President of Founders Bank. Boyer recently brought the Bank at School Program to St. Linus School in Oak Lawn. The program is part of an on-going effort to educate students about financial matters.

Boyer stated that Founders Bank has been actively involved in the Bank at School program since early 1992. "I believe we were one of the first banks to get involved in the program, which we feel has been very successful." Students receive financial handout and can open their own savings accounts with Founders Bank and learn

how to plan and save for the future.

The class is also extremely interested in all aspects of Y2K readiness and how it will affect the bank. "I was really amazed at the level of knowledge the students' questions demonstrated concerning Y2K. They were concerned if the bank will be able to process transactions after the January 1, 2000 date." Boyer assures them, that the bank is indeed safe and that the bank's processing system has been Y2K compliant for more than a year. "Not only are we Y2K compliant, we are also working with our third party vendors to ensure their compliance as well," stated Boyer.

When asked why Founders Bank is a participant in this program Boyer

commented that "Our role is not to just sell products, but to educate people about their money and help them make sound decisions. Learning about money and finances should begin as early as possible. Today's financial market place is ever-changing and we feel that the more information we can supply our customers helps build their confidence, not only in Founders Bank, but the entire banking system."

In addition to St. Linus School, Founders Bank also brings the Bank at School program to Worth Junior High, St. Cajetan, St. Christina, Cassell Elementary School and Koracs School. The program is administered through State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka.

Christ Hospital

Lamaze Refresher/Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Class - This two-session class discusses previous delivery, reviews breathing and relaxation techniques and labor and delivery. Also prepares parents for a vaginal birth after Cesarean (VBAC). Classes will be held Thursdays, April 8 and

15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Gaddis School, 4201 W. 93rd St. The cost is \$30 for the two-session class.

Infant and Child CPR and Safety - Participants who complete this two-part course will receive an American Heart Association certification. Evening classes will be held on Tuesdays, April 13 and 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium.

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DisneyQuest to hold job fair in Chicago

Indoor Theme Park expects to hire 250
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DisneyQuest, Disney's new indoor interactive theme park, will hold a job fair to recruit "cast members" for its Chicago site on Friday, April 9 through Monday, April 12. The job fair will be held in the Wellington and Cotillion Ballrooms of the Westin Hotel, 909 N. Michigan Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. DisneyQuest will hire 250 new employees for its location at Ohio and Rush Streets, which will officially open on June 16.

A formal resume is not necessary, as prospective cast members will be given job applications at the job fair. All applicants must be 17 years of age or older. Currently, DisneyQuest has openings for the following positions: Attraction Host/Hostess, Ticket Planner

Host/Hostess, Guest Service Host/Hostess, Merchandise Sales Host/Hostess, Custodial Host/Hostess, Operations Assistants, and Administration.

DisneyQuest combines the magic of Disney with the most engaging interactive technologies to create an entertainment adventure for all ages. Guests will climb aboard a real river raft, grab a paddle and shoot the rapids in Virtual Jungle Cruise; ride a roller coaster of their own design in Cyber Space Mountain; and learn the secrets of Disney animators at the Animation Academy. These are only a few of the adventures that await guests at DisneyQuest, a breakthrough concept in family regional entertainment.

For more information please call 1-800-988-JOBS.

"Baby" starts off your summer with a smile

The Pheasant Run Theatre's production of "Baby!" is an intimate musical for anyone who ever was one. Join three couples on their voyage to parenthood as they experience the joys, terrors and comedy of the most important nine months of life. Don't miss Pheasant Run Theatre's production of "Baby" running May 14 - July 25.

Dinner and theatre times are as follows: Fridays at 7 p.m. dinner/8:15 p.m. performance; Saturdays at 4:00/5:15 p.m. or 8:30/9:45 p.m. and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Sunday Brunch/2:15 or 5:45/7:00 p.m. Dinner theatre tickets start at \$38; show only tickets start at \$20. Group, children and senior discounted tickets available. Overnight packages are also available. Parking is free. Ask about their smoke-free performances.

Floating the Blue River is a wilderness experience

Two hundred years ago, Indiana's rivers were "highways" for early pioneers moving north from Kentucky settlements. Blue River, flowing from north to south into the Ohio River was often used by pioneers like Daniel and Squire Boone.

Today, canoers and kayakers who paddle the Blue River, can experience the river. Little has changed from the way it looked long ago. The river flows through a half canyon in lush hardwood forests. Limestone bluffs tower as high as 200 feet above the river. Except for the small town of Milltown, where Cave Country Canoes is headquartered, there are no towns on the 58 miles used by paddlers.

Cave Country Canoes offers a variety of full day canoe and kayak trips plus a half day option. The Blue

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Canoeing provides today's urban family with a chance to enjoy the water-based recreation and the great outdoors at the same time. Canoeing offers a chance to relax, see wildlife, search for interesting rocks and shells, fish and shoot the rapids. It is really many activities in one. Paddlers make a lot of memories and return home with a sense of how America used to be.

For more information, reservations, river conditions and departure times, please call (812) 365-2705, or visit their website at www.cavecountrycanoes.com.

7717 W. 95th St., in Hickory Hills at 12:00 noon.

Garden Club holds luncheon

Gardening with Pete Kamp, President of Palos Heights Garden Club, will be the theme for the "April Showers...May Flowers" Luncheon on Thursday, April 15. Sponsored by the Beverly South Christian Women's Club, it will be held at the Lexington House,

Special music will be presented by Diane Myhre of Hinsdale. Guest speaker, Anitra Spangler, will present an inspirational message, "Brightening Up Our Lives."

Free child care for toddlers-to-kindergarten is provided with advance reservation. For reservations, please call Marcella at 708/430-5062.

A flower arrangement should usually be about one and a half times the height or width of the container.

"Pango" Steel Drum Concert at library

An afternoon of soothing Caribbean steel drum music awaits you at a free concert performed by "Pango" set for Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., first come, first-seated. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Pango strives to recreate the music and spirit of Trinidad and Tobago's steel drum bands. This three-member group, formed by Paul Ross in 1988, performs original compositions inspired by Calypso, Soca, Reggae, Ska, Jazz and Pop music. Pango provides a musical and visual feast as their hands dance across the surfaces of the Trinidad steel pans and Latin percussion instruments.

A full schedule of spring programs for adults is available at the Oak Lawn Public Library Community Information Centers, first floor. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



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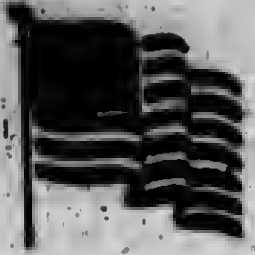
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VILLAGE NEWS

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Keslin's Korner

By Lee J Keslin

Once upon a time there were two friends, indeed some even contended lovers, while I don't know if that is true, one is now dead, the other sits in jail. But what happened is the result of alcohol and drugs and it happened here.

For the purposes of this narrative I'm going to name one Big, and the other, Little.

Little, she was a typical reflection of her time. Like the latin mass and other traditional concepts being dumped, Remember the admonition on a once prevailing view? "If God didn't put that mark on your body you don't put it there." Yes she had a small tattoo.

Big, was taller, heavier, some would say built like a man. When she fixed herself up, which was all too infrequent she could be attractive.

The first time I saw them was years ago. Then a group of girls, women really, including the two were heading down my alley screaming at the top of their lungs about midnight. Pausing for a moment to publicly urinate against a factory wall challenging each other to see how high they could go.

Apparently they were heading down to a local bar catering to "Gays" when they arrived there they were promptly turned away.

Such was my introduction to the two and as I got to know them through the intervening years I would see either along Clearings main drag coming and going.

When Big was lucid she could be sweet. Most often though she could be found around a local bar which was the target of a community effort to shut down and eventually was closed. After a session there she would become boisterous belligerent and would get kicked out.

Unfortunately as the cliché goes she became a legend in her own time. She'd start fights. Curse at traffic passing by. This was a person who clearly needed help certainly stay off whatever she was ingesting. Many told me she was on something (drugs). I've seen her running around with a bottle. Even though almost all the remaining local watering holes refused her service. Whoever thought they were doing this poor creature with a self destructive bent a favor by feeding her liquor or drugs certainly wasn't.

Such was the situation years after the anti-social but ebullient scene when I first became acquainted with the two. From the outset it was a destructive relationship based on an anti social attitude.

Little maintained herself by baby sitting while Big was on the dole. Both had family. Little had been divorced and had two daughters, who's custody was given to others. She freely admitted to me that she lost custody because of dependency on drugs and alcohol, but insisted she was no longer on drugs. She said she maintained good relationship with them, one of which is of college age. Big on the other hand had a number of sisters.

Whatever family support either had must have been distant. Its up to speculation if Big, was mentally ill, or her activities drug induced. If so, through the intercession of the ACLU the taking of medication which is needed to maintain mental stability is voluntary. All too often to the chagrin of loved ones those ill cease taking the stuff only to have them recommitted. Which for all concerned is a painful process creating twice the victims. In Big's case she did attempt rehabilitation but apparently did not get the support she needed.

Early summer found both in a hapless situation. Big, had been sleeping where ever she could find someone who would put up with her. The place she had spent some time was destroyed by fire. Little, had been living with a male companion and contrary to reports in the press which had her "living with Big", its unclear how Big, got to live where Little, was staying. None-the less it happened.

As the weeks turned into months the bad blood that existed between the two grew. Little, complaining of drug activities where she was staying, would frequently find a neighborhood yard or an apartment hallway, and sleep there rather than go home. There were frequent fights and harsh verbal exchanges between the two. On the day of the tragedy, Little, was seen going into a local establishment three different times in a highly agitated state. One time crying, another time looking for a male friend. Whatever the outcome is when this goes to trial. It is clear to me at least. This may have been prevented by the players: family, social services, and others. Like a crime reporter from the Tribune told me when I tried to interest her in this case. "Who Cares!"



Seniors Protest Kennedy Principal Removal

Members of both area civic leagues as well as interested citizens recently met with the Chicago Board of Education Trustees at the Board of Education Building in support of Arthur Mrumlineki (pronounced Rumlineki). Among those present were Mary Kucera, Maris Gallagher, Mike Schmidt, Alex Butti, Norina Cimino, Richard Zilka, Diane Johnson, Marie Zilka, Marge Schmidt, Armon Schmidt, Jean Franczyk, Maria Schmidt, Jerri Schmidt, Tim Nolan, Jack Kelly, John Kune, and Jim McGuire. The group is in favor of Ill Senate Bill 652 which would enable only the Board of Ed to remove Principals.

Vittum Park Civic League Meets April 7th.....

At the park field house 5010 W 50th Guest Speaker will be Erin O'Donnell deputy commissioner of Midway Airport

Clearing Night Force

The neighborhood watch group in police watch area 812 covering Central to Harlem 59th to 65th will be holding a fundraiser on Event Casino Boats Sat April 10th. Busses will board at Harris Bank 6343 W 63rd at 12:45.

Scheduled cruise times are 2:30 and 4:30 The \$20 donation includes a \$15 coin voucher, and two cruises and dinner at 6 pm. Busses will leave the casino at 7:15 and return at Harris Bank by 8pm

St Daniel The Prophet
5330 S Nashville school Board will host A Spring Family Fair April 17th at the parish hall 5337 S Natoma times from 5-11pm.

Games, Raffles, and Food will be featured The parish Super Raffle winner will be announced at that time

Tickets are \$100, the prize amount total will be \$58,000, with the Grand Prize being \$30,000. Only 1200 tickets will be sold Tickets can be obtained at the rectory

Argo Summit A.L. 735

6050 S Harlem will hold a card and bunco party Sun Apr 18th tickets are \$3 per person Dirrs open at noon till 4pm

Clearing Civic League

will meet in Foster Hall 63 Pl and Major April 13th at 7:30 pm The problem Zebra Mussels and great Lakes invaders will be discussed.

Our Lady of Snows will conduct Spring Fest Apr 18.....

A Spring Fest will take Place Friday through Sunday at Our Lady of The Snows 4810 S Leamington. Doors will open at 5:30 Friday Admission for Super Bingo games is \$20 Sat doors open at 6pm. Tickets for \$2000. Lucky Bash are \$50. Dinner Tickets which include dancing are \$10. Sunday Fairly starts at 11am and lasts till 5pm

Garfield Ridge C.L. Meets

Monday April 19th at 7:30 pm at Wentworth Park basement hall 5625 S Mobile> Speaker will be Doug C Larson who will discuss Com Ed and Y2K electric service

Two Brothers Need Small Apartment

Forced to move because of building sale The two senior citizens on limited incomes one with a physical disability are seeking an apartment in the Clearing area The older brother is very handy and will do repairs etc for adjusted rent Call (Lee) at 773-582-1842 have furnishings "garden apt" fine.

Squirrels Drive Ridge Residents and Com Ed Nuts

Pandemonium broke out at a meeting held at The Senior Center Archer and Menard when the discussion about Com Ed Service came up as a whole slew of dignitaries which included Congresswoman William Lipinski, 23rd ward Alderman Zalewski and 8th District Police Commander James Molloy looked on.

One of the speakers was Doug Larsen of Com Ed who attempted to explain why there have been power outages in the Garfield Ridge, part of which Larsen attributed to Squirrels.

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First grade class enjoys grandparents day



Magdalyne Christakis, a first grader at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, enjoys eating lunch with her grandparents, Grandma and Grandpa Janisek on Grandparents Day at the school, Weds. March 25th.



Dorn Primary Center

Jeanne Turnock's first grade class at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, formed a study group for the Student Power Energy Fair that was held at the school, March 15-26th. The class viewed a video, did a project and a report and earned a 10% discount for the school from Commonwealth Edison.

Palos Hills Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills meeting of March 18, Alderman tabled a pay increase for the cities two crossing guards. The amendment would give a 3 percent increase in their hourly rate, which would be comparable to the raise the other city employees received last week.

Only Alderman John Stefans (4th ward) and Dan Scurek (2nd Ward) voted against tabling the amendment.

According to a survey of crossing guard pay rates that Pauline Stratton (2nd Ward) obtained, surrounding villages pay less than what Palos Hills pays their guards.

Alderman Scurek was surprised the council tabled the issue and said, "We are talking about 40 cents a day. Sixty dollars a year. What value do you place on the safety of our kids?"

The pay increase would be from \$13.07 an hour to \$13.46 per hour. The guards work a half hour in the morning and afternoon. It will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The Palos Hills baseball association is having a carnival May 19th through

May 23rd.

Palos Hills E.S.D.A. Unit is looking for volunteers. Interested parties should call 598-3400 for more information. It is a beneficial and worthwhile organization.

The golf course will lease/purchase 18 electric motorized carts with sunroof and split windshield in the amount of \$55,080.00.

Police Chief Madigan received three drug assist forfeiture checks in the amounts of \$9,670.81, \$2,471.48, and \$198,475.72.

The next meeting of the Palos Hills City Council will be April 1, at 8 p.m.



Card & Bunco Party

Chicago Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6101 W. 107th Street, will hold a Spring Card and Bunco Party on Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 and can be purchased at the door. Raffles, table prizes, and light refreshments will be served. For info call 815-469-3230.

Gasa to address Calvin Christian Reformed Seniors

Roger Gasa, Director, Naturalist, with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse in Willow Springs for the past 26 years, will speak before the Calvin Christian Reformed Seniors on Wednesday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 10100 S. Central, Oak Lawn.

Marie Voss, president, announced that Gasa will inform the group on the recreation and conservation that is available within the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Gasa earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Science at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and his Master of Science Degree in Ecology and Conservation, at Governors State University, Park Forest.

Palos Heights Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Heights meeting, Alderman voted down a proposed adult day care facility at 12307 S. Harlem.

The business itself was not voted against but, the location of it. Alderman Whitey Van Henkelum (3rd Ward) said, "Putting adult day care in the main business district is a bad idea. The store has been vacant for one month and the council should wait a little longer before taking such drastic measures as rezoning."

Alderman Donnicks (2nd ward) also spoke out against the proposal. He said, "I have an objection to authorizing a non-sales tax business use. It would be a disservice to the other business owners because it would not bring in other shoppers."

Fulkerson concurred and said, "Something commercial is what we could use. That would be beneficial to the residents. This is not an

appropriate use."

Alderman Julie Corsi (1st Ward) said in reply, "I received one phone call from someone who was opposed, who wanted to see Harlem Avenue all businesses. I can see Harlem Avenue all businesses, but we cannot make them. I see more foot traffic in the business area. I see this is as a benefit to the business district. Examples she gave of more foot traffic were people dropping off seniors at the drugstore to leave prescriptions or to take the senior citizen to the hair salon."

She went on to say, "Sometimes there is a favorable business that comes to us and this is one."

After this discussion the vote was taken.

Alderman Bob Donnicks (2nd ward), Whitey Van Henkelum (3rd Ward), Alan Fulkerson (3rd Ward), and James Healy (4th Ward), voted no and Alderman Jim

Murphy (1st Ward), and Julie Corsi (1st Ward), voted yes. Alderman Frank Passarelli (2nd Ward) and Arthur Phillips were absent from the meeting.

Julie Corsi announced that information about Palos Heights will now be available on the computer. Use the web browser for www.palosheights.org. The web site should be on-line in about two weeks.

A proposal for a large sign to be placed on the former Army Nike base housing site to advertise available units was tabled.

Alderman approved a purchase of a one million gallon water tank on the Westgate Estates development site. The tank will be for the 861 unit housing development under construction.

The next meeting of the Palos Heights City Council will be April 6 at 8 p.m.

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Mayor Vacco to host Y2K television program

Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park will host Y2K speaker, Lawrence C. Sarsoun on his weekly television program. Sarsoun, a former member of Chicago's International Monetary Market, will discuss the coming Y2K crisis, the so-called "Millennium Bug," that threatens to shut down key industries on January 1, 2000. Mayor Vacco's program is aired on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, at 5

p.m., on the local public access channel 43. The Y2K program will air on Friday, April 23.

Sarsoun, who ran for Congress twice, in the 1980 and 1990 elections, has been a lifelong member of a survival group, and has extensive training. He is also a National Rifle Association Life member, and offers a program on 2nd Amendment rights for the NRA's Speaker's Bureau. He is the

author of numerous articles, a screenplay, and the booklet, "America's Monetary Mess," which is an expose of our fraudulent money system.

"The purpose of our program is to educate the public on all the things they can do as individuals, families, and as a community to prepare for the Y2K crisis," Sarsoun said in a recent interview. The speaker, who gives Y2K seminars for churches, civic groups, and fraternal organizations, will make tapes of the program available for a nominal cost. For further information, contact 1-800-655-3454.



Work on 111th Street will be completed by June

By Frank Soczek

Final completion of the 111th St. underpass and roadway improvement is only a month and one half away, according to resident Engineer Peter Au of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The much needed project was first discussed in the early 1970's, according to Mr. Au. Funding problems and communication difficulties with the railroad were major obstacles preventing a more timely

resolution of the chronic and ongoing problem.

"As many as 75 trains per day, averaging three per hour blocked the busy 111th St. thoroughfare" explained Mr. Au.

Construction was further hampered by large unforeseen boulders measuring up to 6 feet in diameter, which caused the steel support beams to buckle. The latter dilemma necessitated a re-design delay during the prime

construction months for our area.

The general contractors, James Cape & Sons of Wisconsin have extensive experience in Illinois, having previously worked on the Stevenson Expressway and I 294.

With a typical Engineer's precision, Mr. Au predicted the highway "will be fully open by June 2nd, certainly no later than mid-June."

Oak Lawn will prevent flooding by the progress of Oakdale retention pond

By Frank Soczek

Construction will soon resume on the Oakdale Storm Water Detention Pond at Lamb Drive and Harnew Road.

Basic excavation has been completed by the HHC group, general contractors on the project. The Village purchased six residential homes to create the

detention pond, which will hopefully alleviate the chronic flooding problems experienced by residents of the Oakdale subdivision.

Plans call for a landscaped basin which will remain dry when not functioning as a storage basin for up to a million gallons of storm water. Powerful pumps will transfer the water into newly reinforced neighbor-

hood storm sewers for disposal.

Many neighbors expressed concern for the lack of fencing, citing potential safety problems. Village authorities to date have dismissed such barriers as being "aesthetically unattractive."

According to the Oak Lawn Public Works Dept., "Depending on the weather, the project should be completed by the end of the summer."

Oak Lawn Park District awarded Certificate of Achievement

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Oak Lawn Park District by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and

its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award winning CAFR. This has been presented to James F. Schmaedeke, Supt. of Finance & Personnel.

The CAFR has been

judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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ITC makes determination in dumping of Creatine

The International Trade Commission (ITC) made an affirmative determination in the preliminary phase of its Creatine Monohydrate antidumping investigation.

The ITC found a reasonable indication that Pfanstiehl Laboratories is materially injured or threatened with material injury by imports of Creatine from the People's Republic of China. The ITC's investigation arises out of the February 12, 1999 filing of an antidumping petition by Pfanstiehl Laboratories, Inc. and comes on the heels of a similar investigation instituted earlier by the U.S. International Trade Commission. Pfanstiehl Laboratories has substantial evidence that Chinese manufacturers are importing Creatine into the United States in ever-increasing volumes at prices that are significantly below the cost of production.

Based on this unanimous affirmative determination, the U.S. Department of

Commerce will continue to conduct its antidumping investigation with preliminary antidumping determination due on or about July 22, 1999. Pfanstiehl has alleged in its petition that the dumping margin would range from 120 percent to 153 percent.

Creatine is a nonessential amino acid used by professional and recreational athletes as a dietary supplement to enhance athletic performance.

Antidumping petitions have been filed by U.S. companies that manufacture computer chips, chemicals, super computers, motorcycles, orange juice, TV picture tubes and steel. This is the first petition filed for a nutritional supplement.



Oak Lawn Park District incumbent wins with top vote

by Annette Dixon

Patti Corcoran, Oak Lawn Park District Incumbent, backed by the Mayor Coalition Party won overwhelmingly with the most vote.

The above picture was taken at the Oak Lawn Holiday Inn for the celebration of the candidates plus the party for the workers.

After a long hard day at the poll, Patti still has the stamina to pose for a picture with this photographer.

Bridgeview Board Meeting - April 14, 1999

The Bridgeview Village Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Oremus did not attend. Trustee Steve Landek served as president pro temp. Deputy Clerk Claudette Struzik called roll. Trustees Michael J. Picek, Joseph J. Kaput, Wayne F. Grabinski, Norma J. Pinion and Jeffrey S. Guidish attended. Attorney Dean Krone also attended.

Trustee Pinion of the Community Welfare Committee asked Lt. Peter Dubik to discuss the Gang Prevention Meeting planned for Monday, April 19. It will be held at the Community Center at 7 p.m. The public is strongly encouraged to attend. The village has an extensive program planned. Lt. Dubik then asked the press to meet with him after the meeting.

Next, Trustee Pinion invited all to attend the Little League Baseball/Softball League Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 24. Participants are to gather at the K-Mart parking lot at 9 a.m. She asked the board to waive any fees applicable. This was agreed.

Trustee Picek of the Municipal Administration Committee reported that the balanced budget will be on display beginning Friday. He

reported that St. Fabian will be holding a carnival in the old Venture parking lot from April 22 through May 2. This event will be in addition to their normal carnival in June. He asked that the board waive any fees connected with the event. The board agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, at 7:30 p.m. Citizens with questions or comments were directed to the approach the proper person afterwards rather than speak before the audience.

Afterwards, Lt. Dubik introduced Trustee Kaput who had been supervising the B.A.D.G.E. Program. B.A.D.G.E. stands for Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Elimination. This is a pilot program in which 18 communities in Cook County have been given grants to help combat the effects of drug abuse and gang related problems. Bridgeview has received \$50,000, and will have another \$50,000 worth of man hours through the county available for their use.

First off, Lt. Dubik reported that patrols have been increased. Youth Officer Thomas Sparrow has been spending time at fast food

restaurants, theaters, the parks, and anywhere teenagers gather on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. A specially trained gang enforcement officer, either Officer David Sroka or Tim Prince, will accompany him soon. More officers, including Cook County Sheriff's Police will be available for special events. Lt. Dubik is encouraging other officers to become involved. Increased patrols will continue through September.

Lt. Dubik has spoken to officials at Stagg, Argo, Reavis, and Oak Lawn High Schools. He plans to establish a working relationship with the administration of each school, with villages and other police departments. Lt. Dubik said that he wants to know which Bridgeview kids are causing trouble in other villages so that he knows who to look for at home. He reported a warm reception from Argo, but has not had the opportunity to meet again with representatives from the other schools. Plans are under way to provide activities for high school aged kids. Dances are scheduled for June 24, July 16, and August 24. Lt. Dubik plans to organize a committee of students from each school to help plan future

activities.

A major step is to involve the citizens and the Neighborhood Watch groups. Meetings are planned for Monday, April 19, and every third Monday. Plans include instructions on gang colors and symbols, and learning to work together as a community.



GSU announces new director

Never before have communities become so dependent on technology and technology services. The Governors State University community is no exception.

That is why GSU appointed Peter J. Mizera executive director of information technology services.

Mizera was director of information systems at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills for the past ten years. He has a B.S. degree from DePaul University, and comes to Governors State University with more than fifteen years of experience in information technology.

Strategies for wealth conservation highlighted in seminar

Today's hottest strategies for financial and estate planning through various forms of charitable giving will be the topic of a breakfast seminar for financial professionals on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 a.m. at the Chicago Golf Club, 25 W. 253 Warrenville Road, Wheaton, IL. The seminar, "Charitable Giving: Identifying Opportunities and Implementing Strategies," features presentations by top financial consultants, James A. Kohlstedt and Robert C. Aument, Partners, McBride Baker & Coles; and Randy A. Fox, CFP, President, Wealth Strategies Counselors. Seminar reservations are \$25.00 per person. Financial professionals interested in attending may call The DuPage Community Foundation at (630) 665-556 for details. Space is limited to 100 attendees and advance registration is required. The seminar is hosted by a west-suburban consortium of not-for-profit organizations including The Conservation Foundation, The DuPage Community Foundation, Elmhurst College, Hinsdale Center for the Arts,

Marklund Charities, Marianjoy RehabLink, and Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc., and is sponsored by First Chicago/Bank One.

"This will be a lively presentation about the new and developing opportunities available to incorporate philanthropy into a client's financial and estate planning," said David McGowan, Executive Director of The DuPage Community Foundation. "The approaching multi-trillion dollar intergenerational transfer of wealth, combined with strategies to minimize estate taxes while expressing family values through gifts to charity, provides many opportunities for everyone to win." Seminar topics will include: current developments in the laws with respect to charitable gifts as they relate to income, gift, and estate taxes; charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, private foundations, gifts of appreciated property, gifts of stock and stock options, insurance, charitable gift annuities; and finally, how to incorporate planned giving options for

successful estate planning. Part of a series, this seminar will be followed by a planned giving seminar for public slated for fall 1999.

Seminar speaker James Kohlstedt, of McBride Baker & Coles, is a partner in their Oakbrook Terrace office. He has practiced for over 20 years in corporate and commercial law, real estate and leasing, technology and software, trade associations, travel and tourism, and trust and estate planning. He has represented closely held companies at all levels, from formation through sale, including sales to publicly held companies. Speaker Bob Aument, also a partner in the Oakbrook Terrace office of McBride Baker & Coles, concentrates his practice in the areas of estate and taxing, general corporate and commercial law. He has extensive experience in tax and estate planning, employee benefits, estate and partnership freezes, estate and trust administration, succession of the closely held business, choice of entity, general commercial and corporate transactions. Speaker Randy Fox,

Certified Financial Planner and President, Wealth Strategies Counselors, has over 20 years experience in financial planning, tax and financial services. He is a charter member of the Suburban Chicago Planned Giving Council, 1999 conference cochair for the National Association of Philanthropic Planners and a frequent seminar presenter.

The western suburban consortium of not-for-profit organizations hosting the event are all 501(c)3 organizations that rely on charitable giving to carry out their missions:

The Conservation Foundation mission is to protect the environment and enhance the quality of life by preserving open and natural lands, improving rivers and watersheds, advocating sound environment policy and promoting conservation education in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will counties. The DuPage Community Foundation purpose is to raise the quality of life throughout DuPage County by developing and channeling philanthropy to meet the emerging, changing and on-

going needs of the people of DuPage County.

Elmhurst College was founded in 1871, Elmhurst is a four-year college offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs where the traditions of liberal arts education and preparation for professional life come together with a synergy that gives the college its identity and focus.

Hinsdale Center for the Arts believes that the arts are to be celebrated and shared, thereby enriching individual and community life. HCA carries out its mission through its operation as a local arts agency and regional arts center serving the west suburban Chicagoland area with a wide range of high quality visual arts and performing arts classes, programs, exhibitions, festivals, outreach programs, technical assistance to other arts organizations and artists, and reganting programs. The HCA is designated as an "Established Regional Arts Institution" by the Illinois Arts Council.

Marklund Charities is a not-for-profit network of

services to help infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities reach their highest potential and experience as full a life as possible. The network includes pediatric-skilled nursing, residential, educational and day training programs for all ages.

Marianjoy RehabLink is a network of facilities dedicated to delivering high quality physical rehabilitation services through in-and-out patient settings in Northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. Marianjoy RehabLink treats adults and children who suffer from brain and spinal cord injuries; strokes; orthopedic conditions such as hip and knee replacements and amputations; neurological conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and Guillan-Barre Syndrome; sports injuries, musculoskeletal and neuromuscular disorders and chronic pain.

Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc. is committed to Human and Community Development in ourselves and in health and shelter services.

Lipinski service office to travel to Hometown

Congressman Bill Lipinski will put his constituent service office in motion, as members of his staff travel to the Hometown Town Hall on Thursday, April 22, to offer assistance to local constituents.

"Because of the large size of the Third District, it is sometimes difficult for constituents to travel to my three service offices in Chicago, La Grange, and Oak Lawn," said Lipinski. "By reaching out to towns and villages in the district, we will help those citizens who are unable to access our offices."

Lipinski's congressional service offices focus on helping constituents deal with different departments of the federal government, addressing their concerns about local and national issue, and assisting local groups improve their community.

Among the issues that staff members will be providing assistance with are immigration, I.R.S. problems, mail concerns, Medicare, Social Security, mili-

tary and veteran affairs. Questions about other issues are also welcome.

"Addressing my constituents concerns has always been my top priority. I hope all those who are in need of assistance, take advantage of the services my office provides," said Lipinski.

The Town Hall is located at 4331 Southwest Hwy. Staff members will be there from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Rep. Lipinski's Chicago office at (312) 886-0481 or his Oak Lawn office at (708) 952-0860.

House bills before the Senate

Good behavior (HB 784) - Prohibits inmates from receiving time off for good behavior allowances if they were convicted of criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual abuse or criminal sexual abuse.

Sex offender registration (HB 62) - Changes the penalty from a Class 4 felony to a Class 3 felony for a person who is required to register as a sex offender but gives false information.

Grand juries (HB 790) - Provides that a statewide grand jury may be convened to investigate and return indictments for certain child sex offenses that are facilitated by using the Internet.

Car dealers (HB 604) - Requires used car dealers to have a minimum liability insurance policy of \$100,000.

School bus drivers (HB 1871) - Prohibits school bus drivers from getting their licenses back for three years if they've had a blood-alcohol content of more than 0.00.

Sex offenders (HB 1079) - Makes it unlawful for a child sex offender to be in a public park if children younger than 18 are present.

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McAuley honors two leaders at Celebration '99



McAuley's Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient for 1999, Sr. Honora McNicholas, RSM (center) is congratulated by Colleen Lamb Ferrara '77 (left) and Fran Houlihan (right), members of the McAuley Development Council. Both were instrumental in initiating the Celebration Dinner as a means of building the endowment fund.

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, will be the recipient of the 1999 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award. This year's Distinguished Alumna Award will be presented to Sister Honora McNicholas, RSM.

Both awards will be presented at McAuley's Celebration '99, Friday, April 23, at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park. All proceeds from this annual dinner go toward the Endowment Fund for student financial aid. McAuley students whose families demonstrate financial need currently benefit from the fund. The Catherine McAuley

Leadership Award is given each year by the school to someone who exemplifies the charism and values of the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley - a concern for the poor, the sick and the uneducated. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to Mother McAuley High School's mission, to provide a quality Catholic education, and

exhibit a strong commitment to church and society.

Most Reverend Raymond Goedert is a graduate of St. Giles Grammar School, Oak Park and Quigley Preparatory Seminary, Chicago. He holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Gregorian University, Rome.

Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Vicar General for the Archdiocese, Bishop Goedert has served in numerous capacities including Notary, Vice Officials, and Judge of the Tribunal, Archdiocesan Consultor, Vicar for Priests, Archdiocesan Director of NAIM, and pastor of St. Barnabas Church. He was president of the Canon Law Society of America and the Presbyterial Senate of Chicago, and chair of the Association of Chicago Priests. Bishop Goedert has selflessly given of his talents and expertise. He lives his priesthood as one who serves, thus exemplifying the charism and values of

Catherine McAuley.

Sister Honora McNicholas, RSM, graduated from St. Xavier Academy and has since dedicated her life to the "sick, uneducated and those wounded by contemporary society." Sister taught in elementary schools for several years and then became principal of Mary Seat of Wisdom School in Park Ridge and later St. Mary of the Lake School in Uptown. Sister Honora founded Maryville Home at St. Mary of the Lake Parish.

For the past fifteen years, Sister Honora has served as program director for Columbus-Maryville Center on West Montrose, a crisis intake center for wards of the court. There she trains family educators to deal with children from infancy to 18 years who are wards of the court: runaways, prostitutes, throwaway children, dysfunctional family victims, violence victims, AIDS babies, and cocaine babies.

Sr. Honora helped start a Maryville camp in Wisconsin for children victimized by child prostitution. She has

worked with other Sisters of Mercy at the Robert Taylor Homes to help educate single mothers and other female residents, teaching them the skills necessary to become self-sufficient in order to care for themselves and their children.

The Distinguished Alumna Award honors an alumna who has become a woman of influence in the tradition of Catherine McAuley and the Sister of Mercy. She must exhibit service to her family, church, community, society and women and children. Sister Honora's entire life has been dedicated to the vision of Catherine McAuley, and thus the vision of Mother McAuley High School and St. Xavier Academy. She is a living witness to the Gospel. She is recognized for her ministry to Catholic school education and her leadership in the care of children who need a second chance in life.

For more information regarding Celebration '99, contact Mary Clark, Development Director at Mother McAuley High School, at 773/881-6558.

Pointers For Parents

Strong Math Skills Can Add Up To A Successful Future

(NAPS)—A recent study concluded that U.S. students ranked at or near the bottom in math and science knowledge when compared with students from other countries.

To help address this issue, Texas Instruments and the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics have joined together to promote Mathematics Awareness Month this April.

Math impacts everyday activities from figuring out how much money is needed for a trip to the store, to how much time is needed to run errands. And with the impact of technology on the way we live, learn, work and play, mastering math skills has become even more important for children. Ultimately, math skills help children's problem-solving abilities.

There are a number of ways parents can help bring math alive for their children, including:

- Making change and counting money. The next time you are shopping and you know the total, ask your child to figure out how much change you should receive.
- Calculating trip time. When driving in the car, have children figure out how long it will take to get where you're going, based on distance and travel speed.
- Reading the newspaper. Notice all the math used



To better understand mathematics, children need to put the concepts in relevant context.

in the newspaper, from statistics and opinion polls to grocery prices and classified ads.

- Playing games that use math skills.

This year's Mathematics Awareness Month theme is "Mathematics and Biology," which highlights the importance of math as an essential element of scientific advancement in biological and biotechnical fields.

"TI is pleased to support Mathematics Awareness Month and encourage math literacy for students by making math practical and applicable to everything they do," said Richard Schaar, president of TI's Educational & Productivity Solutions business.

Parents and educators can get more information by visiting the websites at www.ti.com/calcp/parents and forum.swarthmore.edu/mam.

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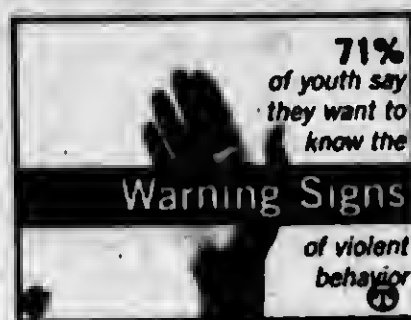
New Guide Aimed At Preventing Youth Violence

(NAPS)—The rash of school shootings in recent years has heightened fears about the increasing amount of violence in the lives of America's youth and provided the impetus for a unique partnership aimed at dealing with this problem. The American Psychological Association (APA) and MTV: Music Television have teamed to provide valuable information to the nation's youth about how to identify potentially violent behavior and how to get help before anyone is harmed.

APA and MTV hope that by educating youth about the common precursors to violent behavior and how to seek help when problems arise, the disturbing trends that exist in today's schools can be reversed. Victims of violence in America today are most likely to be between the ages of 12 and 24 and, according to a recent APA/Penn. Schoen & Berland poll, 71% of youth say they want to learn the violence warning signs and 40% have been concerned about a potentially violent classmate.

"Violence is a learned behavior, and like any learned behavior, it can be changed," says Russ Newman, Ph.D., J.D., APA Executive Director for Professional Practice. "In order to do that, though, it is important to recognize the warning signs of violence and to get help before a violent act occurs."

As part of their efforts, APA



and MTV have developed a Warning Signs guide to help young people recognize when a classmate or friend might be a potential danger to themselves or others. Examples of indicators in the Warning Signs guide include:

- losing temper on a daily basis
- significant vandalism or property damage
- increase in use of drugs or alcohol
- increase in risk-taking behavior
- enjoyment in hurting animals
- frequent physical fighting
- threatening to hurt others

The guide also provides suggestions for identifying and controlling the thoughts and feelings that may lead to violence.

Violence can be a way people express pent-up feelings of anger or frustration or be used as a tool to control others. But because there is no single cause of violent behavior, there is no single solution, experts say.

To receive a free copy of the APA/MTV Warning Signs guide, call toll-free 800-268-0078.

The big leagues come to Bridgeview Park

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, is accepting registration for two week long sports camps being offered by the Chicago Bulls and the Chicago White Sox.

From June 14 through 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Chicago Bulls Basketball School is being offered in The Sports Complex gymnasium for boys and girls ages six through 14 years old.

The Basketball School will be taught by a team of coaches chosen by the Chicago Bulls and will feature instruction in every aspect of the game, including ball handling, shooting, passing, defense, and rebounding.

In addition, each student will receive a special shooting clinic by former Bulls player Bobby Hansen, a chance to compete in the FOX Sports Chicago Skills Competition, an official Chicago Basketball School gym bag, shooting shirt, and reversible practice jersey.

The cost is \$189 per child. The registration deadline for participating in this special school is June 4.

The Chicago White Sox

Baseball Training Camp for boys and girls seven through 14 years old will take place at Wiersba Park, 78th and Oketo, July 5 through July 9 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This camp features a week of fundamental and advanced training in all aspects of the game of basketball taught by handpicked instructors.

The program cost is \$169 and includes membership to the Official Youth Fan Club of the Chicago White Sox, a pair of tickets to three White Sox games, a Sox training center tee shirt, equipment bag and hat.

Both camps will group children according to skill and age level. Low student/instructor ratios will be maintained to guarantee personal instruction.

Both camps will also place heavy emphasis on discipline, respect, and teamwork.

For more information regarding the Chicago Bulls Basketball School and the Chicago White Sox Training Camp, call Bridgeview Park District (708) 594-1818.

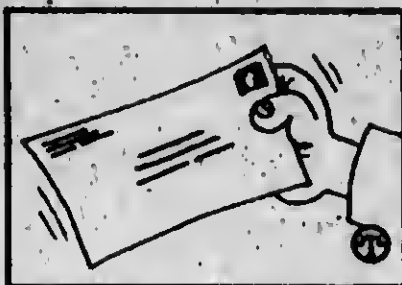
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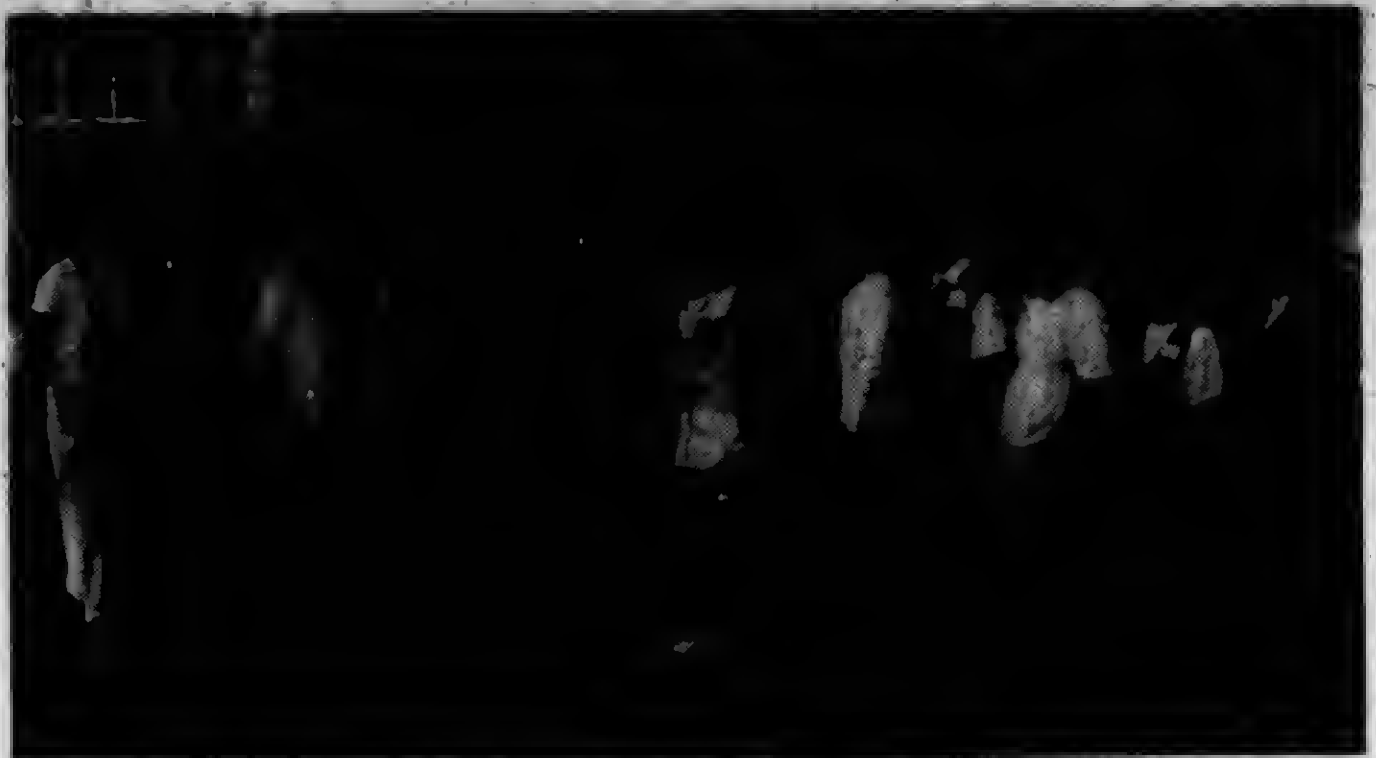
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Viverito: Community gives boost to war memorial

Senate Minority Whip Louis S. Viverito (D-11), is joined by faculty and students of Tobin Grade School. The students at Tobin Grade School have been very active in raising funds for the construction of the Burbank Veterans Memorial. To date, the students have raised \$500. At far left (back row) is Principal John Young.

Senate Minority Whip Louis S. Viverito (D-11), is joined by faculty and students of Reavis High School for the presentation of a check totaling \$2,300, for the construction of the new Burbank Veterans Memorial. Reavis' students have been instrument in raising money for the memorial. At far right is Superintendent Louis P. Ross.



Sertoma donates \$1,000 to war memorial

Fire Chief Marty Kreil, president of Burbank Sertoma Club, presents \$1,000 check to State Sen. Louis Viverito as the club's contribution to the Veterans Memorial Monument Fund drive. Gathered at monument site, 85th Street and State Road, Burbank, for check presentation are (left to right) Jim Lario, Ed Buckingham, Betty Trovato, Ray Budnieski, Mayor Harry Klein, Stickney Township Supervisor Viverito, who is chairman of monument committee, Kreil, Don Cramer, Lou Opitz, Bob Zwolinski, Bob Peters and Ed Skrypek. As indicated on thermometer marking progress of fund drive, contributions have now passed \$30,000. The goal is to have the monument completed and ready for dedication on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. "Community response to this project has been most gratifying," said Viverito, "and we are confident that we will reach our goal." Donations may be sent to the Veterans Memorial Fund, c/o Cole Taylor Bank, Attn: Sphila Parsi, 5501 W. 79th St., Burbank, IL 60453.

Web Watch

(NAPS)—You can visit the web site recently launched by the Cancer Research Foundation of America (CRFA) at www.preventcancer.org. It is now divided into pages for women, men, children, the press, advocates, parents/teachers and researchers.

For information about The American Federation of Clinical Oncologic Societies, visit www.asco.org.

Four books, *All The Birds of Prey, North America*, *All The Water Birds, Freshwater*, *All The Water Birds, Atlantic And Gulf Coasts* and *All The Water Birds, Pacific Coast*, (\$7.95 each from Harper-Perennial) include descriptions of birds to help you identify them. To learn more, see <http://www.harpercollins.com> on the Internet.

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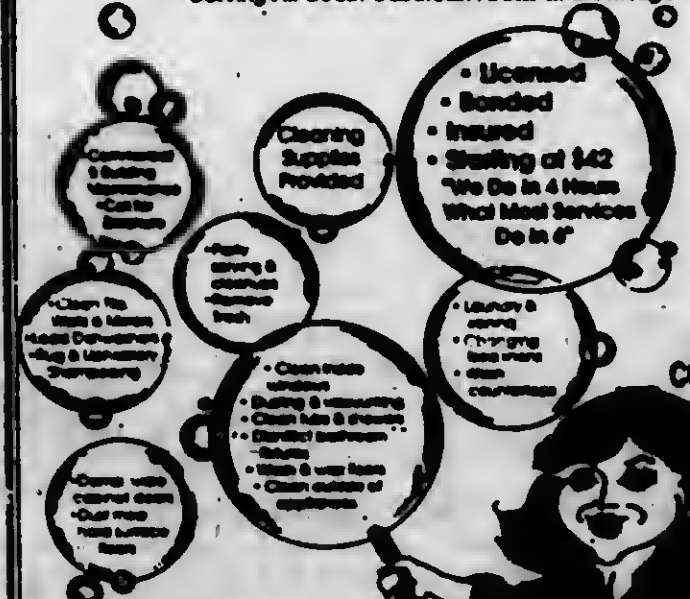
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Letter to the Editor



(NAPS)—For information about Space Day '99 on May 6 and the Embrace Space program, which seeks to advance science, math and technology education through the excitement of space, visit the website at www.space day.com.



Heska discovers, develops and markets companion animal health products, primarily for dogs, cats and horses. For further information, visit the Heska website at www.heska.com, or call 1-800-GO-HESKA.

For baby boomers looking to start investing with the help of the Internet, Schwab.com, the official website for investing from Charles Schwab & Co., may be an ideal choice. The site's user-friendly tools let even computer novices can easily plan and manage their investments.

I would like to see the enclosed letter to appear in the Editorial column of your newspaper. Throughout the Bridgeview election the only people that received fair press was the Active Party. I am aware that the Future Party has paid you for press releases or they may not have gotten any press. You were by far the only paper that gave the Future Party a fighting chance. I am not a member of the Future Party, although I did vote for them. Usually I look to the press for non-bias articles about politics, unfortunately I could not do that in this case. I must admit that the Daily Southtown was the worst.

I will not leave my name because if it were made public the Bridgeview Police would make life very hard for me. I am not paranoid, this is a fact.

Please remember the reason you became a journalist in the first place. If you still feel that way you'll print this article.

Bridgeview, an Un-Balanced Community

When you enter the town of Bridgeview you see a welcome sign that reads "Bridgeview a Well Balanced Community." Unfortunately this could not be further from the truth.

On Tuesday, April 13th, two thousand one hundred people decided that they wanted the village to be controlled completely by the Active Party. Could you imagine if the entire United States Government was controlled by either Democrats or Republicans. It would be a disaster. The only people that would have a voice would be a member of the elected party. Well disaster has struck Bridgeview. In the last three years the Village of Bridgeview has accumulated over a million dollars of debt. The only one who tried to stop that debt is now retiring. The entire board now is made up of the same people that created the debt.

The worst part of it all is the fact that they now are lead by the puppet-master himself Steve Landek.

For three years not one trustee has had an independent thought. All thoughts must first be approved by their leader Mr. Landek. Now we have an entire group of yes men lead by a career politician who is only looking out for himself. In the recent days before the election Steve and his mother Sandy visited every house that displayed a Future Party sign, my house included even though I did not display any sign. The purpose of his visit was to get me to vote for Steve Landek, he never once mentioned the rest of his party. Yet they believe his loyalty is to all of them. He stood at my door and practically begged me to vote for Steve Landek. It reminded me of the two years I lived in Chicago when a slick politician would offer you the world in exchange for a vote.

The village has just elected a man who has

NEVER owned a home in Bridgeview. Two weeks ago he finally got a phone number in Bridgeview, due to the watchful eye of the Future Party. The worst part about all of this is the fact that Mr. Landek has taken away the only voice the people of Bridgeview had. He has single handedly removed the public forum from the village meetings. He claims that the board can better handle issues in a one on one conversation. In other words if someone has a complaint or an issue that reflects badly on the board they can keep it quiet. The people of Bridgeview should be alert for the next four years.

This board now controls the Police Department, Public Works, and the Fire Department. These departments do not work for the village anymore they work for Steve Landek. If you thought the police harassment was bad during the election, just wait and see what happens now.

Steve had on duty, uniformed officers writing

down all of the houses that displayed Future Party signs at our expense. He will soon announce Chuck Chiggas as the new police chief a promise he made several months ago, in order to get the police department on his side. He certainly accomplished that. The Bridgeview Police were nothing but a group of thugs throughout this election. With the exception of only a handful of officers with backbone enough to be their own man, and not just another puppet.

I am sending this letter to five newspapers. The odds of it being printed are slim. I have only written the truth, and now-a-days the truth has a hard time getting printed. By the way I didn't display a sign for either party, although I did vote for the entire Future Party slate. I am just a tax paying citizen of the town I was born in, who would like to see it return to the way it was ten years ago.

Lanny Davis to speak at ISBA reception

Lanny J. Davis, former special counsel to President Bill Clinton, will be the featured speaker of a Law Day celebration sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), on April 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, in Chicago.

Davis served as special counsel to the president from 1996 to 1998, where he acted as a spokesperson for the White House on campaign finance investigations and other related matters. He has since returned to his previous position of partner at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Patton Boggs, L.L.P., where he concentrates in civil litigation, including antitrust, government and commercial contracts; and data processing contracting and transactions.

Active in the political community, he was a delegate and floor manager in 1992 for Clinton, who was governor of Arkansas at the time. He represented the state of Maryland as part of the Democratic National Committee from 1980 to 1992. From 1990 to 1996, he

was a regular political commentator for the Washington, D.C. affiliate of National Public Radio. He was chairperson of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission on the Reorganization of Montgomery County, in Maryland, from 1987 to 1988.

A publisher author, he wrote *The Emerging Democratic Majority: Lessons and Legacies from the New Politics*, a political history of the liberal movements of the 1960s and early 1970s, and is the coauthor of a textbook on computer contracting. In addition, he has lectured throughout the United States and Europe on civil litigation.

Cost to attend the reception is \$40 per person. For more information or to register, call Teri Litwiller at (800) 252-8908.



SSSBA to host free training workshop

Local Marketing Consultant, Marge Wilke, will present "Frugal, But Effective Marketing," a free training workshop sponsored by the South Suburban Small Business Association.

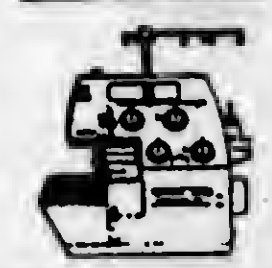
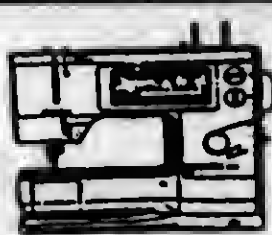
The workshop will be held Wednesday evening, April 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills, Illinois in Room T712 of the Center for Contemporary Technology. The workshop is open to members, nonmembers and other interested individuals, as a public service of the SSSBA.

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South Suburban Legislators host I.D.O.T. hearing

State legislators from surrounding south suburban communities gathered at Prairie State College to highlight the need for road improvements and repairs in their respective areas. The hearings are run jointly by the House Transportation and Motor Vehicles committee and the Appropriations - Public Safety committee. The Prairie State meeting is the fourth of eight hearings that have been held by the two committees throughout the state.

Representative Michael Giglio (D-Lansing), who is a member of the House Transportation committee, opened the hearing to discuss specific road needs in the south suburbs. "The need for road improvements in the south suburbs is top priority for my fellow state legislators, area business leaders, and transportation officials. This hearing should provide us with some solutions to improving our roads. The

hearing also gives us feedback from I.D.O.T. on the problems they face financially to meet our transportation needs," stated Giglio.

Officials from the Illinois Department of Transportation and Chicago Department of Transportation were there to answer questions about current and future road projects. I.D.O.T. and area leaders will benefit all residents of the south suburbs. I am proud to say that we are working together to improve our communities. Holding these public hearings is a great idea to help solve our transportation problems," said State Rep. Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park).

Area Chamber Members and business leaders were given a chance to meet with Transportation officials face to face. Many road projects in the area will have an economic impact on area businesses.

"Not many area business leaders have had the opportunity to discuss road needs with I.D.O.T. These hearings give them an opportunity to ask questions about current and future road projects," said Rep. James Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park). "We need to keep businesses in our areas. One way to ensure that they stay in our areas is having good roads so that the businesses are easily accessible."

The House Transportation Committee and the Appropriations - Public Safety Committee will conduct additional hearings throughout the state. Each I.D.O.T. district will have a hearing to address the needs in each area.

"The public hearings provide an excellent opportunity for local officials and business leaders to give us feedback about road needs in each community and from around the state. These meetings truly benefit all who are involved," concluded Rep. George Scully (D-Flossmoor).

communication between Illinois citizens and their government."

People interested in accessing legislative information can type the address www.legis.state.il.us and link on the Legislation Link. From this link you can search a list of bills that the House and the Senate are currently working on as well as some legislation from the past sessions. The information is arranged by bill number. For more information on Legislative Information Services, call at (217) 782-3944.



Bridgeview Active party held victory party at Nikos

by Annette Dixon

The Active Party of Bridgeview won with 59% of the vote on April 13.

With more than 200 Active Party members and the leader of the candidates being the Lyons Democratic Committeeman, it was quite a victory for Steve Landek.

With good government in the past with the leadership of John Oremus, everyone of the members of the active party should remember what brought them to the party in the first place.

There was a time when I can remember the backing of

Mayor Oremus for Steve Landek. Now the disappointment of Steve Landek and the Active Party soon forgot who their leader was.

I hope the party will remember the good things he did for the village and not remember the conflict of this election.

Illinois law now available on-line

State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-47) announced recently that current as well as past Illinois legislation is now available through an official state web site. The Legislative Information Services (LIS) web page (www.legis.state.il.us) offers a service that will allow access to the text of a bill from the 91st General Assembly as well as the 90th General Assembly.

"It is very important for Illinois citizens to get involved in the legislative process. This new web link will give people an exciting opportunity to follow the language of a bill as it moves through committees and floor debate and eventually on Governor Ryan's desk," said Rep. Lyons. "By creating this web link, Legislative Information Services is helping increase the lines of

State Senator Patrick J. O'Malley's Legislation

Tax exemption (SB 46) - Allows the doubling of the state's standard exemption to become fully effective for tax year 1999 rather than tax year 2000, as approved under a 1998 law.

Insurance fraud (SB 359) - Creates an Insurance Fraud Task Force to investigate organized insurance fraud and methods to combat it.

Victim notification (SB 753) - Allows the Attorney General to establish a statewide notification system to help public officials notify and inform crime victims and witnesses when criminals are released from prison or jail.

Internet (SB 728) - Requires the State Police to post information about registered sex offenders on the Internet.

Laser devices (SB 845) - Sets criminal penalties for persons who intentionally misuse a laser device, particularly by aiming it at a police officer.

Sex offenders (SB 7) - Prohibits a child sex offender from approaching, contacting or communicating

with persons younger than 18 on any public park property or places where programs for children 18 and younger youth groups are conducted.

"Straw" gun purchases (SB 234) - makes it illegal to knowingly buy a gun for someone who cannot qualify for a Firearm Owners' Identification Card, which is necessary to buy a gun in Illinois.

Immunization choice (SB 823) - Gives parents more control over the immunizations the state mandates for their children.

Refunds (SB 35) - Allows the Cook County Assessor to administratively process certificates of error to obtain refunds for homeowners sooner.

Utility taxes (SB 6) - Authorizes municipalities to help industrial users of electricity save money by allowing them to be a self-assessing purchaser of electricity, thereby preserving Illinois jobs.

Child support (SB 469) - Calls for interest, at the rate of 9% per year, to be added to a child-support obligation,

or any portion of a support obligation, that is more than 30 days overdue.

Charitable groups (SB 966) - Allows local communities, not the state, to determine which charitable organizations could solicit contributors along roadways.

Railroad crossings (SB 1153) - Allows the Illinois Commerce Commission to rule that a railroad has engaged in the chronic obstruction of grade crossings. Once a railroad is so designated, the penalties for obstructing that grade crossing increase from a petty offense and fines to a misdemeanor offense with jail time.

Charter schools (SB 648) - Makes numerous changes to Illinois' Charter School Law including those recommended by the State Board of Education regarding renting space from public schools, subjecting charter schools to the School Report Card Act; state assistance in locating or renovating a school facility, and phasing in state-aid loss to the local district, and the State Board's ability to reverse a local board decision.

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Brad Hoffman, Sean Allan Krill and Sean Blake in Jesus Christ Superstar

All Christians know the story of Jesus Christ, his life and his death. Other faiths know the story as well. Remember the musical Jesus Christ Superstar which was a hit before it opened on Broadway in 1971? When it was written by the twenty-three year old Andrew Lloyd Weber thirty years ago it was encased in a two-record album and the music blared from the radio or your first stereo. It had sold two mil-

lion copies in the United States alone. After the concert version had toured the country Weber and Rice brought the rock opera to Broadway where it exceeded expectations.

Since its first appearance there have been countless productions of Superstar over the past thirty years in dozens of languages and hundreds if not thousands of different interpretations. In a former Superstar produc-

tion, at Drury Lane - Oak Brook the time frame was set in modern day attire, which garnered a Joseph Jefferson Award. The current Drury Lane Oak Brook offers a setting into the future with dark sets and costumes.

Director Ray Frewen who took over as artistic director last year was drawn to Superstar as a teenager. He re-played the original cast album repeatedly. Together with choreographer James Zager they talked about what they would do if they ever had the chance to direct this show. At the time they were both acting in Drury Lane's Man of La Mancha nine years ago.

Kurt Sharp executed the set design, notable for a chain-link fence enclosed throne for Pilate and King Herod. It was decided that Jesus would not die on a cross but rather be electrocuted by a jury-rigged cattle prod of sorts. It also poses the question, "What if he came back?" "Would man have learned from his mistakes? Or would history repeat itself as it so often does"

The cast is headed by Sean

Krill as Jesus and Sean Blake as Judas. Heidi Kettenring takes on the role of Mary Magdalene as Brad Hoffman portrays Caiaphas. The orchestra is heard from below the stage but not seen.

Tickets are available at the box office window or by calling 630-530-0111. Student prices are available for all shows. Performance schedule: Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Friday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 5:30 and 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park celebrates spring with La Cage Aux Folles

James Harms, who spent six years on the "Donny Osmond" tour of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" as Jacob, including the engagements at the Chicago Theatre, returns to Chicago musical theatre starring in Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park's production of "La Cage Aux Folles." Winner of six Tony Awards, this gender-bending romantic musical comedy, with music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, will be Drury Lane Theatre Evergreen Park's most lavish song and dance production of the year! Featuring such popular songs as "The Best of Times" and the show-stopping "I Am What I Am," this musical was on of Broadway's biggest hits and has become a favorite of theatre-goers around the world. "La Cage Aux Folles" is directed and choreographed by Marc Robin. The production runs through

May 20. Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park is located at 9500 W. 95th Street.

La Cage Aux Folles also stars Roger Anderson as George; Paula Scrofano as Jacqueline; Dale Benson as Mssr. Dindon; Kathy Lord as Mdme. Dindon; Chris Petschier as Jean Michael; Anne Jacoby as Anne; Mark Townsend as Jacob; Shawn Sonne as Frances; Michael Haws as Mssr. Renaud; and the Cagelles - Rudy Hogenmiller as Vicerces, Andrew Waters as Phaedra, Tedd Greenwood as Hanna, Mark Kaplan as Chantal and Tammy Mader, Jimmy Groh, Buddy Reeder and Katrina Lenk.

The set design is by James Hunter, the lighting design is by Christine Solger-Binder, the costume design is by Caryn Neglarz, the sound design is by Marcel Graham, the musical director is Mark Elliott and the orchestrations are by Paul Hamilton. The

jewelry designer is Dean Vitale of Xcessories!

Ticket prices range from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for show only; \$33.00 to \$44.00 for show with lunch or dinner, including tax and gratuity, at the Drury Lane Theatre Martini Restaurant. For reservation call the box office at (708) 422-0404.

Senior citizen discounts of \$2.00 off per person are available Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday matinee. Young adult tickets, 12 years and younger, for show only are available for \$10.00.

Palos Park sponsors trip

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♦ **Velvet Green** - Friday, May 7 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 8 at 10 p.m.; Friday, August 13 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 14 at 10 p.m.

♦ **Dyed in the Wool** - Friday, May 14 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 15, at 10 p.m.; Friday, July 23 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 24 at 10 p.m.

♦ **Joe McShane** - Friday, June 4 at 9:30 and Saturday, June 5 at 10 p.m.; Friday, July 16 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 17 at 10 p.m.

♦ **Larkin Bros.** - Friday, June 11 at 9:30 p.m.; Friday, August 20 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 21 at 10 p.m.

♦ **3 Men in Kilts** - Saturday, June 12 at 10 p.m.; Saturday, August 7 at 10 p.m.

♦ **Frank O'Connor** - Friday, July 9 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 10 at 10 p.m.

♦ **Jeff Ward** - Friday, August 6 at 9:30 p.m.; Friday, August 27 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 28 at 10 p.m.

There's a "Baby" due

Rockton Productions and Director Diana L. Martinez invite you to witness the birth of their brand new "Baby" at Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre. Delivering to audiences May 14 through July 25, this intimate musical is for anyone who ever was one. Join three very different couples on their voyage to parenthood as they experience the joys, terrors and humor of the most important nine months of life. The cast of this romantic comedy is sure to have you laughing and crying with songs like, "I Want It All," "Fatherhood Blues," "And What If We Had Loved Like That," and many more. So sit back and enjoy the ride, but remember that through the twists, turns and stops along the way, there's no turning back and your life will never be the same.

For reservation call the Pheasant Run Box Office at 630-584-MEGA or Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212.



Maria introduces GCAC all-conference academic team

Maria athletic director, Darlene Graf, announced the following students named to the Girl's Catholic Athletic Conference all-conference academic team for the winter season. Varsity level athletes who maintain a 3.0/4.0 grade point average are eligible. Pictured in bottom row from left to right: Kathryn Zintak, of West Lawn; and Allison Gonsowski, of McKinley. Pictured in top row left to right: Patricia LoVerde, of Garfield; and Allison Gonsowski, of McKinley. All four students participate in the sport of basketball.

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The Signs of Spring

Ready or not, spring has sprung! The signs of this are everywhere. As I looked out the window this morning I was pleasantly surprised to see tulips in all their springtime splendor, everywhere I looked. Last fall, when Bill said he was going to plant a few tulips, I didn't pay too much attention. But now as I gaze upon their beauty, it relays a message to my thawing senses that spring is officially here.

This is a great time of year when snow shovels are put away and ladders are pulled out for the annual spring cleaning ritual. This year's spring cleaning will find Bill taking down the last of the Christmas lights as he prepares to clean the windows. I will be inside, cleaning out closets and getting rid of last year's outfits that "must have shrunk" while hanging there.

The smell of freshly cut grass is like aroma therapy for our winter weary heads. Memories of special childhood activities can be carried on the gentle breeze of a soft spring's afternoon. If you close your eyes and take a deep breath, you can almost feel the kid inside you come alive.

Baseball fields will come alive with the littlest of sluggers who will entertain us with their crazy antics. Coaches also come alive by way of dads lending a helping hand, while moms occupy the benches and discuss just how nice the weather is.

The signs of spring can be found in the excitement of Prom night, as young people don formal attire and create an evening of memories that will last a lifetime.

We have survived a winter's hibernation to welcome the fresh start that spring has to offer. This is the season for making home improvements, for clearing away winter's clutter, and for really vowing to shed those winter pounds that snuck up on us when we weren't looking.

And as days become longer, we'll find our happy hearts embracing the sun filled days that will surely put a spark back in our step.

Spring is in the air! ENJOY!

Bridgeview Park offers Stompin' Ground Day Camp

Bridgeview Park District is currently accepting registration at The Sports Complex, 8100 S. Beloit, for their summer day camp program for children five through 12 years old which will begin Monday, June 21. Children must be five by September 1, 1998.

A variety of options are available depending on the families' needs.

Two four-week sessions will be conducted. Session one will run June 21 through July 16. Session two dates are July 19 through August 13. Registration is being taken for either four week session or all eight weeks. A five-day and three-day program is available.

The basic camp day is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. However, an early arrival and after camp care is also available for an additional cost.

The camp fee includes a

tee shirt, all field trips, pool free time (an on-site pool is available), swim lessons (for five day campers only), a light daily snack, all craft supplies, and gym activities.

Special activities planned for the summer include an overnighter at The Sports Complex, a trip to a water park, an in-line skating party, and a canoeing excursion down the Des Plaines River.

In district registration only will continue through May 1. Open registration will be taken May 2 through June 1. Registration is accepted in person only and proof of residency is required.

For more information regarding Bridgeview Park District's Stompin' Grounds Day Camp Program, including a complete list of fees, interested persons may pick up a brochure at The Sports Complex or call (708) 594-1818.

Pool registration begins at Bridgeview Park

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, is offering memberships for sale for their 1999 pool season which begins June 1 and runs through August 29.

Bridgeview Park District features an outdoor pool with a lap lane, diving "pit" with three varying degrees of diving boards, and a kiddie pool with a mushroom sprinkler.

A variety of membership options are offered for families and individuals. Daily, senior, and non-district rates are also available.

Basic pool hours are 12 p.m. to dusk, Monday through Friday; 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays; and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. A special schedule is in effect June 1 through June 4 and August 23 through 27.

For pool visitors' safety and security, experienced lifeguards are always on duty. Newly remodeled locker rooms are available with showers and restroom facilities.

A concession stand operates during pool hours and offers a variety of snacks and luncheon items which may be enjoyed from a special picnic area.

Pool members also enjoy a variety of special events and activities throughout the summer including an opening day splash bash, adults only midweek happy hours, family float nights, and family pool parties.

For more information regarding Bridgeview Park District's pool memberships, call (708) 594-1818.

OCS hosts senior event of the year

The Office of Citizens' Services Annual Party — the Senior Social Event of the year — will be held on Monday, June 21, at the Martinique/Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park. This party will honor the 25th year.

Luncheon featuring Fantail Shrimp or Chicken Martinique entree at 12:00 noon; entertainment — an afternoon with Charlie Prose — at 2 p.m.

Tickets, \$45 each, are available at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. Tables of 10, or smaller amounts, may be reserved.

IYB performs spring concert

The Imperial Youth Band (IYB) will perform its 29th Annual Spring Concert on Saturday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Voices of the Valley Spring Concert at Moraine Valley

The Voices of the Valley Choir will be presenting their Spring Concert Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. The concert will be presented at the Moraine Valley Community College Fine Arts Building in the Dorothy Menker Theatre, 10900 S. 88th Ave.

Alice Maguire of Oak Lawn conductor and Joe Smith of Park Forest guest conductor will conduct the concert. The Kolmar School Children's Chorus, from Oak Lawn, directed by Carol Ross will be joining the Voices of the Valley for part of this presentation.

The program will consist of selections by Rutter, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Randell Thompson, John Lennon and Paul McCartney to mention a few. The "Requiem" by Rutter will be sung as a memorial to long time faithful choir members whom have passed on. They are Jack Ithuis, Lillian Johnson, George Botts, George DeLoria, and Marilyn Sobbe. This memorial is being extended to dear family and friends: Sandy

Fisher, Gennie Maguire, Gordon Schedin, Ronald Sklenar, Ronald Sauter, Irene Nelson, and Anthony Korwin.

A chamber ensemble from the Southwest Symphony Orchestra will accompany on several of the selections. They are Joy Biernacki of Northbrook on harp, Joyce O'Meara of Palos Park on cello, Linda Gruette of Orland Park on flute, Norma Stewart of New Lenox on oboe, and Ken Kazin of Hickory Hills on tympani. Soloist members of the chorus are Barbara Correll of Palos Hills, Connie Egdorf of Richton Park, and Renee Mrazek of Hickory Hills, sopranos; Lyle Lake of Oak Lawn, tenor; and Frank Chelberg of Oak Lawn, baritone. Rose Cunningham of Evergreen Park and Janet Wohlgenuth of Oak Lawn will accompany on piano.

Tickets are available at the theatre box office for the price of \$5.25 for senior citizens and children, \$7.25 for adults.

in the Mother McAuley High School Auditorium. Mother McAuley is located at 3737 W. 99th St. This year's concert features music from Broadway shows and Star Wars, as well as old favorites. Admission is free. IYB is a nonprofit band for musicians high-school

age and up from the entire Chicago south and south suburban, which performs at a number of parades and community events throughout the spring and summer.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bernard J. Deir, son of Arline E. and John E. Deir Sr. of Burbank, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Ross.

The 1995 graduate of Reavis High School joined the Navy in July 1995.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John G. Lambert, son of Jack P. and Christine M. Lambert of Evergreen Park, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command.

Army Pvt. Jason E. Tudryn, son of John J. and Janice B. Tudryn of Burbank, has graduated from the aircraft powertrain repairer advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

He is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High School.

Dr. Butler to provide well baby assessments

Dr. Joi Butler, M.D., will begin offering well baby assessments at the Little Company Health Education Center at Evergreen Plaza on Thursday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for infants through children who are kindergarten age. The Thursday sessions include a physical examination as well as information on growth, development, nutrition, disease prevention, safety, and more. Call 708/499-1894 to make an appointment. Dr. Joi Butler has been with Little Company of Mary Hospital Department of Pediatrics since the beginning of the year. She is a graduate of Rush Presbyterian - St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago and is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center Classes

Relaxation and Meditation Techniques - May 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Fee \$10.00 - Learn skills and techniques to relieve mental and physical stress. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Senior Club - May 10, 10 - 11 a.m., Free - "The Ups and Downs of Blood Pressure" Seniors meet to discuss the issues on health, wellness and safety. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Sleep Apnea - May 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fee \$5.00 - Richard Kern, MD., will discuss the options for diagnosis and treatment of sleep apnea. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

C.H.E.E.R. Program

Get the dirt on spring planting

Want more volume from your veggies? Are your perennials looking a little "pooped"? Come to the Bridgeview Public Library on Thursday, April 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. when Mary Dombrowski of Sid's Greenhouse will answer questions and offer tips that will help you develop your own little "Garden of Eden." The Bridgeview Library is located at 7840 W. 79th Street. Call 708-458-2880 to register or stop in and sign up at the circulation desk.

Church holds concert

The Ninth Annual Karen Beckering Memorial Concert will be held on Sunday,

This is a positive living program to bring patients with life-threatening diseases together to learn about the concept of using humor in healing. This program meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call 708-423-5774 for more information. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

Ongoing Classes at Little Company

Hypnosis: Using the Mind to Help the Body - Appointments are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hypnosis can give you a relaxed and peaceful sense as well as help you accomplish difficult tasks. It can become a powerful tool in changing that behavior or attitude that prevents you from doing what you would like. It can make the achievement of your goals easier. Key lifestyle areas such as smoking cessation, and stress or weight management are some of the applications of

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Reflexology - Appointments are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Reflexology is the newest stress-relief program at Little Company. Reflexology relieves stress, induces deep relaxation, and improves circulation throughout the body by stimulating the nerve endings in your feet through massage. Call 708-229-5830 for information. Fee - \$30/one half hour.

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Ongoing Classes at Evergreen Plaza

Therapeutic Massage - Treat yourself! Therapeutic massage is a wonderful way to relieve stress. Certified massage therapists offer massage at Evergreen Plaza by appointment. Call 708-499-1894 for information. Fee - \$50/hour, \$30/one half hour.

Blood Pressure Screening - Held on Monday, 9 - 10 a.m. and Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 9 - 10 a.m. No charge.

Ongoing Services at Chicago Ridge

Body Composition Analysis - This test calculates the amounts of fat and lean mass in your body. The analysis includes a plan for reaching your ideal mass level. Sessions are held, by

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Coronary Risk Profile - This screening is offered on Wednesday mornings, by appointment, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Screening includes Blood Oxygen Level, comprehensive cholesterol and chemistry lab tests, body composition analysis and health risk appraisal. You will receive fasting instructions when you make your appointment. Call 708-423-5774 to register. Fee - \$25.

Blood Pressure Screening - Held on Monday 9:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. and Thursday 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. No charge.

Massage - Reduce stress, improve circulation, and increase flexibility through massage. Call 708/423-5774 for an appointment. Fee - \$30/ per 1/2 hour, \$50/per hour.

Register now for Summer Camp

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is presently taking registration for Summer Camps. The Full Day Camp for ages 6 - 14 years, will run from June 21 through August 6, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Half Day Camp for ages 6 - 10 years and Tot Camp for ages 3 - 5 years will run June 21 through August 6, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 - 2:45 p.m. (Tot Camp will offer 2 and 3 day options). To ensure a spot in camp register now at the park department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information stop by and pickup a brochure or call 430-4500.

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May 2, at 7 p.m. at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 8426 W. 95th St. The concert will feature "The Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus." Tickets are \$8.00, students and seniors 65 and older are \$5.00. For information call 598-3100.

Crescendo host scholarship luncheon

The Crescendo Musical Club of Beverly will be hosting its scholarship luncheon on June 5 at Hobnobs, 8101 W. 123rd Street in Palos Park, starting with cocktails at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon and musical entertainment will be provided at the event, which is called "Music and Summertime." Tickets are \$30 each; the proceeds will go toward scholarships for promising music students. Guests are welcome.

Checks should be made out to Crescendo Musical Club and sent to Irene Clauter at 5186 W. Alexander Place, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. If there are questions call Joan Klenk at 773-445-4755.

Women's Guild holds fashion show

This year's annual spring luncheon and fashion show of the Women's Guild of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture will feature a unique historical fashion show. This "Fashion with a Past" event will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at the prestigious Union League Club, 69 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, starting at 11:30 a.m. Special parking arrangements next to the club are available. Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

The elegance and variety of the vintage fashion era of 1850 to 1970 will be modeled by the "Living Mannequins." Narrator Kay Myers will provide entertaining de-

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Queen of Peace announces Winter Athlete Awards

Queen of Peace High School recently announced the names of individual athletes who received special recognition at the Basketball Sports Banquet. Pictured left to right: Julie Popp, Fresh Leadership; Mary Carnevale, Varsity Most Improved; Katie Sullivan, Varsity Leadership and Winter Scholar Athlete; LaToya Howell, Varsity Most Valuable; and Jennifer Cerney, Sophomore Leadership.

Sertoma teams up with Cheetahs for caravan

The Cook County Cheetahs are proud to be teaming with Sertoma Centre, Alsip to sponsor the second annual Cheetah Caravan. The Cheetah Caravan will be making its first stop in Crestwood, home base of the Cheetahs, on Saturday, May 15th at Dave's Rosewood West, 131st and Cicero. This very special evening is set aside for fans and families to come out and meet and greet the Cheetah players and coaching staff. All proceeds will benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc., a facility that serves individuals with disabilities in 65 south/southwest suburbs and part of Chicago.

A "Meet the Players and Coaches" session is planned, beginning at 6 p.m. along with a silent auction featuring unique sports items, special entertainment packages and a large variety of merchandise. The 1999 coaching staff consists of Chico Walker, formerly of the Chicago Cubs; Milt Pappas, formerly of the Chicago Cubs; Carlos May, formerly of the Chicago White Sox; Ron LeFlore, formerly of the Chicago White Sox; and Peter Gahan, Coach of the Australian 2000 Olympic Team. Dinner and surprises will



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Brosnahan greets students of St. Bernadette

State Representative James D. Brosnahan, (D-36), left, visits with St. Bernadette's Eighth graders in the State Capitol Building, in Springfield. Brosnahan urges the schools in his district who are taking class trips to Springfield, to please call his office at 708-499-2810, so he can meet up with them.



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Moraine Valley to offer Professional Skills classes

Moraine Valley Community College offers a convenient, affordable way for working adults to develop the skills they need to increase their on-the-job success.

Skill-building workshops and seminars are available through the college's Management and Professional Skills Institute (MPSI). These intensive, short-term classes are designed to help working adults develop the skills they need to improve their productivity, make the transition to supervisory positions, or increase their effectiveness as managers and supervisors.

Moraine Valley to offer coding class

Moraine Valley Community College will offer a non credit class for medical records technicians titled Coding Check-Up for ICD9-CM in May.

The class will take place on Friday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. It will take place in the Gerald R. Fogelson Family Technology Theater, located in the Center for Contemporary Technology, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. The cost is \$93.

The seminar is designed for those who are relatively new to ICD9-CM coding, as well as for those who want

Process Improvement will meet on Thursday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn key principles to identify problem areas, use process flows, consider alternatives, and select appropriate solutions. The cost is \$64.

Effective Performance Appraisals will meet on Wednesday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will develop the skills required to conduct productive, positive appraisals, including how to plan and review prior to the appraisal, how to provide constructive feedback, and how to follow

up to sharpen their skills. Participants will also review problem areas.

For more information, call the workforce Development and Community Services Department at (708) 974-5745. To register, call the Admissions, records, and Registration Office at (708) 974-2110.

up to get better results for the future. The cost is \$64.

All classes focus on helping participants develop practical skills that can be used in the workplace. Experienced instructors focus on key principles that provide a strong foundation for on-the-job application, and participants are given the opportunity to practice skills and receive feedback. Action planning is also emphasized to help individuals meet specific needs.

All classes will take place in Room 712 of the Center for Contemporary Technology, located on the college's campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Fees cover the cost of the class and all materials, as well as certificates for those who successfully complete the programs. There are no prerequisites for participation in MPSI programs.

For more information call 708/974-5735. To register call 708/974-2110.

Novelist warns of long term problems

Shaw Dallal, the author of a new novel on Middle East refugees warns that the expulsion of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo by Serbian forces will have a long term, negative impact even if the refugees are returned.

Dallal, whose novel "Scattered Like Seeds," tracks the lifelong experience of a Palestinian Arab refugee, said that even if the Kosovo refugees are returned, their lives will continue to suffer.

"There is no doubt that the long term impact on these civilians will be negative and their lives have been disrupted forever," says Dallal.

"We have already witnessed on numerous occasions how even a so-called 'temporary relocation' can permanently scar a refugee's life."

Dallal is touring Chicago to promote his new book and is addressing Arab American audiences throughout Chicago.

For further information contact: Ray Hanania at 708-403-1203.



Vil Brittain

Vil Brittain promoted to operations officer

Recently, Marquette National Bank announced that Vil Brittain was promoted to the position of Operations Officer, Data Entry. She will be responsible for the customer service and data entry departments.

With more than 14 years experience in bank operations, prior to joining Marquette in 1990, Brittain was employed by American Security Federal Savings and Loan as a head teller and a supervisor for the bookkeeping department. At Marquette National Bank, Vil came aboard as a customer service representative then later moved on to the bookkeeping department. A couple of years later, she became supervisor of the data entry department. Brittain is a graduate of Maria High School and holds an Associate degree from Daley College. Vil resides in Mt. Greenwood with her family.

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Legislation creates task force to better market recycled products

A special task force could bring new life to products made from recycling in Illinois, under legislation sponsored by Senator Christine Radogno that recently passed the Senate.

Radogno (R-LaGrange) said Senate Bill 967 creates the Recycled Contents Products Task Force to study and assess the existing market for products using recycled materials.

"Our focus during the past few years has been more on the collection of recyclables, rather than the marketing of recycled products," said Radogno. "A vast majority of Illinois residents are recycling, and we are extremely proud of that."

"The difficulty is how to encourage consumers to buy products made from recycled materials," Radogno said. "That will be the focus of this task force."

Senate Bill 967 establishes a task force made up of four public members appointed by the Senate President, Speaker of the House and minority leaders from both chambers.

The task force would evaluate programs that exist in other Midwestern states and determine whether the state should:

- create a marketing board to support marketing efforts for using recycled materials;

- establish technical assistance programs, utilizing universities and other research organizations to assist local governments and businesses with incorporation of recyclables into product development;

- establish incentives through loans or grants to encourage the use of recycled product;

- offer tax credits for companies that manufacture or purchase recycled products, and;

- establish a local zone program to promote recycling manufacturing businesses.

The task force would report its findings and recommendations to the governor and General Assembly no later than July 1, 2001.

In 1998, Radogno sponsored House Bill 94 to develop a two-year market development program to expand the use of secondary recycling materials in marketing enterprises. The bill was vetoed by then Governor Jim Edgar.

Senate Bill 967 goes to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

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Open House at St. Bernadette

St. Bernadette School will host an Open House on Wednesday, April 28, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. for parents considering St. Bernadette for their child. St. Bernadette offers two day Preschool for three year olds, 3 or 5 day Preschool for four year olds, full day Kindergarten, and an Extended Day Program before and after school. For more information contact St. Bernadette School at 422-6429.

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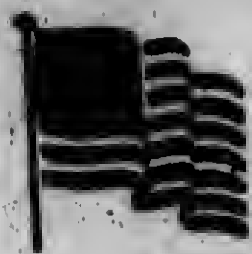
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Keslin's Korner

By Lee J Keslin

Another loss to the community.....

Clearing Memorial To Move ?

Forget the Archer site....

How about the Library ?

The Clearing Veteran's Memorial located at the southeast corner of 63rd and Narragansett was unique because it was a memorial maintained and dedicated by Clearingites to all Clearing veterans not just to members of a given veteran's post. Its been all along a community effort. Now because of maintenance problems the group which has been maintaining it through the years the Clearing Viet Nam memorial committee through the aegis of The Clearing Civic League, in all reality wants out.

The memorial was originally located across the street in the Park Shopping Center it was subsequently moved across the street at its present site and it is my understanding that its location is deeded to the group.

Condition of the standards (flagpoles) is a key concern and offers to remove the flags have been rebuffed citing insurance for fear of having the poles collapse. Those flags are in horrendous condition and members of sundry veteran organizations have been vociferous in their complaints to this reporter about their state.

The type of standard which is needed should be capable of holding a 5 X 8 regulation American flag. This is the size which is presented to survivors which could be flown at a memorial.

Congressman William Lipinski has offered the Lech Walensa triangle at the intersection of 55th and Archer as a new site. The problem is the site is also subject to vandalism. At last look the flags are missing off the three flag poles, and the standards not large enough to hold a 5 X 8 flag.

When the group needed to move the Clearing Memorial to the new location they sent out a call to the many veteran organizations in the area. And they responded. Members of DesPlaines Valley VFW post 6863, Post 600 Clearing A.L. as well as others. How about communicating with these organizations letting them know what the problems are?

The only logical location which already has the standards capable of flying a 5X8 flag is the Clearing Library. How about a petition drive? How about asking the Congressman and our two aldermen to intercede in the community behalf. And how about letting us take those flags down?

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Who consoles the grieving of those one left behind ?

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but all have come to show them all they have not forgot.

They are the Honor Guard or if you please the Ritual Team, a veteran's group you see Making sure arms and standard are presented that colors proudly shown, that taps are played, Speaking with their actions their presence thus exclaims

a memory will live forever for all others who here remain

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Show and Tell at meeting

Dave Cooper and assistant from The Shedd Aquarium conducted a lengthy show and tell about various aquatic life in the Great Lakes and feeding tributaries at a recent Clearing Civic League meeting. Later the group heard spirited talks by Armon Schmidt defending Kennedy HSPincipal Art Mruminski, and "Scotty" Gallagher seeking more openness by the Midway Airport Noise Commission.

Boy Scouts Sought.....

Boys from the ages beginning from 5th grade to the age of 17 are being sought to join Troop 671 sponsored by St Jane de Chantel parish.

Recruitment night is set for 7pm at St Jane school 5201 S McVicker, April 22nd.

At least one parent must be present. Scouting programs have been long recognized as beneficial in later life. Even such basic things as knot tying have proved usefull to many an adult in later life. Many in military leadership including astronauts were Scouts.

For further information about troop activities and meeting times call Tom Graczyk at 708-563-2012. Although church sponsored membership is non sectarian.

Clearing United Methodist Moms

will be holding a mothers and daughters dinner May 10th.

Tickets are \$3.50 for daughters under 10, and \$7. for adults for further information call the church office at 773-767-2133

St Syms Altar & Rosary Society

will be holding its annual Spring Banquet May 4th at Niko's Restaurant.

Dinner will begin at 6:30pm with a cash bar afterward. Tickets are \$15 per person for information call Helen at 586-5838

Minuteman Park Holds Open House

Minute Man Park located at 5900 S Central is holding registration for spring programs including "T" ball, softball, volleyball, arts and crafts, gardening club, and play daycamp during its openhouse 4 to 8pm Wednesday April 28th.

For documentation requirements and further information call Monday through Friday after 1pm at 1-312-747-6559

Two Brothers Need Small Apartment

Forced to move because of building sale. The two senior citizens on limited incomes one with a physical disability are seeking an apartment in the Clearing area. The older brother is very handy and will do repairs etc for adjusted rent. Call (Lee) at 773-582-1842 have furnishings "garden apt" fine.

St Jane Craft Show April 24th

Saturday from 9am till 3pm St Jane de Chantel Parents Club will be hosting a craft show at Ward Hall 5157 S McViker.

For further information concerning tables call 312-767-1130

On May 4th Clearing Library

63rd Pl and Narragansett from 9 to 1 A 55 Alive driving course will be offered. Fee is \$8

Midway land Acquisition ?

A grant by the Department of Transportation (DOT) of \$ 5,383,076 for land acquisition was announced by U.S. (IL) Senator Dick Durban.

The grant was part of a \$33,532, 941 package for Illinois airports.

Whether these funds will be used to purchase property which earlier had been rezoned and targeted as airport area is not clear.

Some properties lie west of Central and south of 63rd had been earlier identified and published in THE VILLAGE VIEW.

Whether these properties will be affected or the five million plus will be applied for some other purpose has not been announced. LJK

St Rene Altar & Rosary Installation Dinner May 4th

will be held at Chateau D'Amour 6955 W 79th.

Officers to be installed are President Eileen Healy, Vice President, Marge Powell, Treasurer, LaVerne Kappel, Recording Secretary, Betty Piccione, and Corresponding Secretary, Helen Frank.

Dinner which begins at 6:30 includes among other food items main courses of ham, Polish sausage, pasta, with music provided by Eddie Karsoa Jr. Tickets are \$20 each.

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Palos Hills Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills City Council Meeting of April 15, Alderman Frank Williams 5th Ward announced that the community resource department is hosting the Youth Board 40th Anniversary Celebration and has been chosen as the community winners of the Points of Light Foundation, "Make a Difference Day Award." Palos Hills will be listed among the winners nationwide in the Daily Southtown Newspaper and in the Southtown USA Weekend Magazine.

Palos Hills will celebrate

Arbor Day at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. when the Tot-stuff Preschool plants a tree at the Community Activity Center, 8455 W. 103rd Street. Then the New Horizon Senior Club will plant a tree at 4:30 p.m. at the Palos Hills Golf Club. A buffet dinner will follow the planting compliments of the Horizon Club. Please RSVP the Community Resource Department at 598-3400.

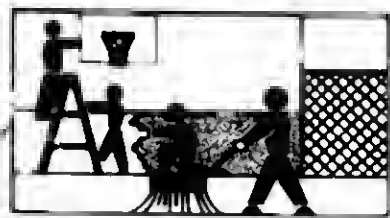
Joel Tomas, 4th Ward, proposed a bid from Lyons based Freeway Ford for \$118,539 for three vehicles, a water and sewer van, a 5 ton dump truck and a meter

cargo van. These are to replace rusted and worn out vehicles that are between 10 and 20 years old.

The funding will come from a \$100,000 state grant and the remaining \$18,539 will come from an already budgeted heavy equipment rental line item.

Tomas went on to say that letters have been mailed out to residents affected by the 103rd Street improvement project. The project will begin the first week in May and is expected to continue until November 20. The county plans to reconstruct 103rd Street between Roberts Road and Kean Avenue. For people who have questions there will be a meeting Thursday, April 23 at City Hall at 6 p.m.

Mayor Bennett was pleased to announce that the city council will remain the same as a team for the next two years. Aldermen Williams, Cisarik, Stratton, Kleefisch, and Tomas were sworn in to serve four year terms.



Palos Heights Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Heights City Council Meeting of April 6, alderman voted to approve studies at two intersections to determine if stop signs are necessary. These will be conducted at 125th Street and 68th Court and Melvina Avenue and Carol Lane. The cost is not to be more than \$500 per study.

Alderman Corsi suggested that the council purchase a computer system for the aldermen's room. The cost was not to exceed \$2,000. The council voted it in with only Alderman Donnack objecting. He said he did not know where they would get the money and that the expenditure was unreasonable.

For the upcoming year 2000, the police department needed to purchase a new "intoximeter." Alderman Murphy said the present machine would become useless because it would date January 1, 1900 on result sheets. The courts already told police that they would not accept improperly dated material as evidence.

Suzy Frederickson spoke

from the audience. She is the candidate running for 3rd Ward Alderman and stated that the mayor was harassing her about her election signs. She said she had three tape recorded messages from the mayor's office telling her to move her signs.

The mayor replied that he only knew of one authorized call telling her to move them from in front of city hall. He said he did not want it to look as though they were endorsing her.

To his dislike of having any kind of signs at all he said, "Election signs are the Holy Grail. The Supreme Court has alot to say about freedom of speech." Frederickson said she moved her signs from the places the mayor had objection to.

In other matters the council approved the final subdivision plat for the northwest portion of Westgate Valley Estates. This will contain 161 single family homes.

The next city council meeting will be April 21 at 8 p.m.



Chicago Ridge Municipal Center Complex making headway

Despite the unpredictable wiles of Mother nature, construction continues on the new Chicago Ridge municipal center at 105th & Ridgeland. The 7.25 million dollar project will replace the current structure, parts of which date back to the 1920's.

The present building is "unable to support the functions of a modern police department," noted

Village Clerk Chuck Tokar as he explained the some of the new features planned, such as space for the police DARE program, a new evidence center, shower facilities, additional space for juvenile officers, the detective division, building department, senior center, meeting rooms and most importantly, room for expansion due to a growing municipality.

Ground was broken in June of 1998 for the structure designed by the architect John Frega of Chicago. Clerk Tokar noted the Village was fortunate to obtain a \$750,000. State of Illinois grant to help subsidize the cost and stated additional Federal funding is being pursued. The completion date is projected for late 1999.

Senate Week in Review

Keeping guns out of the hands of children by increasing the penalty for gunrunning is the aim of legislation that passed the Senate Judiciary Committee this week, according to State Sen. Patrick O'Malley.

House Bill 1201 would increase the penalty for an individual who gives a gun to anyone younger than 18. Under current law, it is a Class 1 felony (4-15 years in prison) for a person who provides a minor with a gun. This measure would increase the penalty to a Class X felony (6-30 years), O'Malley said.

The Judiciary Committee also passed a measure that would protect victims of domestic violence from their abusers by keeping their addresses private.

House Bill 1188 would allow state and local agencies to respond to requests for public records without disclosing the location of a domestic violence victim. An individual would apply to the Attorney General to have his or her address designated as confidential, and the Attorney General would be prohibited from giving out the address.

Other bills that passed

Senate committees this week:

Disposal (HB 909) - Prohibits any person from opening dumping of waste in a manner that results in deposition of general or clean construction of demolition debris.

Disposal fines (HB 29011) - Increases the penalty for open dumping from \$500 per offense to \$1,500 for a first offense and \$3,000 for any offense thereafter.

Public universities (HB 325) - requires each public university to annually provide to undergraduate a statement showing the aggregate amount appropriated from specified funds for operational costs.

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Upgraded computers (HB 497) - requires the State Board of Education to create a program to refurbish and upgrade donated computers for use by schools.

School counselor (HB 795) - Provides that a school counselor is a qualified guidance specialist who holds or is qualified for an elementary, secondary, or special K-12 certificate issues by the state.

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Evergreen Park Meeting

By Jude Coyle

Mayor Anthony Vacco called the Evergreen Park Village Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk James Sexton called roll. Trustees Mark Marzullo, Mary G. Murphey, Norbert F. Smith, Anthony Yukich, Jerome J. Bosch and Carol F. Kyle answered. Attorney Vincent Cainkar also attended.

Mayor Vacco invited the public to the Annual Police Department Auction. It is scheduled for May 8, at the Hamilton B. Mayor Center at 3460 W. 95th Street. Doors open at 8 a.m., and the auction begins at 9 a.m. Bikes, tools, clothing and small electronics will be sold 'as is.'

Trustees Murphey and Marzullo backed a motion to designate the Evergreen Golf Course as open space recreation land on the Community Development plan. This was brought to a vote and carried. The plan architects will be notified promptly.

Business regulation certificates were issued for the following:

John H. Anderson, Attorney at Law, has moved to 10026 S. Kedzie

Lutheran Social Services, 3412 W. 95th Street - This is an 'in home' service.

Three ordinances were brought before the board and approved. First ordinance redefines the size of garages, sheds and accessory buildings. The board recommends that residents who are planning improvements should contact the building department concerning building codes. The next ordinance increased property coverage from 35 - 40% to 40 - 45%. This takes into consideration that most variances made to the building code have to do

with larger garages. Again, the trustees ask that residents contact the building department for specifics.

The third ordinance deals with part-time police officers. The board shall approve the number of part-time police officers. Jurisdiction, and discipline of officers shall fall to the Chief of Police. Candidates must be at least 23 years of age, of good moral character, physically and mentally able to perform their duties, meet the fitness standards, pass a medical examination, a resident, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate, hold a valid Illinois driver's license, a U.S. citizen, not indebted to the village or in default of child support or alimony payments, receive proper training, and not convicted of any crimes.

The week of May 16 through May 22, 1999 has been proclaimed as "National Public Works Week, Advancing your Community." Also, Monday, May 3, 1999, has been declared as "The American Academy of Dermatology's Fifth Annual Melanoma Monday. National Skin Self Examination Day."

The board voted to accept the 1999 Consolidated Election Canvassing Resolution. The following individuals were elected to the Board of Trustees: Mary Griffin Murphey received 1,499 votes. Mark Marzullo received 1,516 vote, Norbert F. Smith received 1,453 votes. The following individuals were elected to the library board: Christine Carparelli received 956 votes and Thomas Vail received 1,138 votes. Each will serve full six year terms. James Sampson received 1,315 votes, and will finish out four years of an unfinished six year term. They will be sworn in at the May 3 meeting prior to the 7:30 meeting start.

Engineer Robert Boehm reported that four of the five sewers due to receive new linings have been completed. The lighting project has been complete east of California. The entire project is 80% complete. He is meeting with I.D.O.T. concerning the 'right in' and 'right out' turning lanes onto 95th Street from the Aldi parking lot. He is meeting with the Illinois Commerce Commission concerning pedestrian gates at the 94th and Kedzie railroad crossing. Bids for the Block Grant for street paving are expected on Friday, April 30, 11 a.m. at the village hall. The project entails paving the streets between 91st to 93rd, from Turner to Kedzie.

Bill Lorenz of the Department of Streets reports that the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program will be available to residents again this year. Interested parties should contact his department at 422-1562. A question concerning replacing curbs arose. The village is not splitting that cost, but residents can work with the contractor.

The village will take bids on a 1977 Joy Air compressor. The minimum bid to be considered is \$500. They will publish the specifications at a later date.

According to the zoning board minutes of April 13, Mrs. Brennan of 9613 S. Troy asked for a variance so that she might have a larger porch built on the front of her home. The village board voted to deny the request. Mrs. Brennan agreed to build a smaller porch.

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Child threatens school arrest made by Oak Lawn Police

By: F. J. Soczek

Oak Lawn police arrested and released a 15 year old Burbank youth enrolled at the South Side Baptist School after receiving information that threats were allegedly made against "a classmate, school administrator and the school" according to Lt. Bob Smith, Chief of Detectives, Oak Lawn Police Dept.

In an unprecedented media press conference, Lt. Smith displayed a .22 semi-automatic rifle (no magazine was evident,) a 12 ga. single shot and pump-action shotgun along with several novelty-type edged weapons which included a replica medieval "pike" or battle axe.

A partial box of .22 ammo and approximately a box and one-half of 12 ga. upland game hunting loads (size 8 shot) were also presented as evidence confiscated from "the bedroom of a 15 year old," according to Lt. Smith.

Each of the 3 firearms shown was affixed with a security lock. The arrested youth "had possession of the key" Smith noted.

After the alleged threats were made April 26th at 10:30 p.m., Oak Lawn police "detained" the youth on his way to school the

following day and recovered what they noted as a "butterfly" knife in the student's book pack.

The stainless steel, safety-designed implement described as a "martial arts" weapon by Lt. Smith appeared to be not unlike that which can be readily purchased at a camping or sporting goods store.

According to Lt. Smith, with permission and full cooperation of the youth's parents (no formal search warrants were noted at the press conference,) the Oak Lawn police searched the entire home and retrieved the aforementioned items.

Lt. Smith noted that the State of Illinois "has revoked the Firearm Owner's I.D. card previously issued to the youth," based upon the information presented by the O.L. police. Smith also explained the youth's mother possessed a valid Firearm Owner's I.D. card.

According to the official Oak Lawn Police press release, "We will later this week file a juvenile petition charging assault and disorderly conduct" against the suspect.

Despite the fact a photo copy of the Illinois Revised Statutes covering applicable firearms laws

was distributed to the press by Oak Lawn police officials, neither the youth in question, nor his parents was charged with any firearms law violation.

Lt. Smith failed to note whether any of the weapons publicly displayed (or otherwise) were actually brandished by the arrested youth in an unlawful or threatening way.

Illinois law allows a resident under 21 years of age to lawfully possess/use a firearm (rifle or shotgun) with parental permission. Disqualifying factors include juvenile delinquency adjudication, confinement in a mental institution, narcotic addiction, conviction of domestic battery or felony conviction.

Although Lt. Smith was unable to provide information whether the 3 firearms confiscated were unlawfully acquired, he did note the O.L. police had no previous adverse record pertaining to the youth in question.



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Mayor Kolb's health is stable

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Municipal center appeared decorated in an ebullient, festive atmosphere. Colored balloons. Floral bouquets. Faces of politicians normally only seen on campaign literature metamorphosed and mingled with the crowds who surely mused "where have I seen you before?"

Little was mentioned about the empty chair, normally occupied by Mayor Ernie Kolb. Get well soon, Mr. Mayor.

It was the Oak Lawn equivalent of the Academy Awards, where friends and family (often spanning several generations) were joyously thanked by the victors of recent elections.

Although over a month has passed since the last Board of Trustees meeting, William Keane, Steven Rosenbaum, Robert Streit, Jerry Hurckes and Marjorie Joy remained silent during the time allocated for "new business" discussion.

Ron Stancik, searching to heal what appears to be a terminal schism between the Village Board and the Park District, urged new communications between the Board and newly elected Park District officials concerning the fate of Oak Lawn's decaying, sole



New firehouse replaces the one at 94th & Kedzie

By: F.J. Soczek

Evergreen Park village officials formally dedicated the new John C. Hojek fire station Saturday, April 24th, celebrating the occasion with an open house and guided tours of the facility.

The \$2.5 million station located at 9000 S. Kedzie Ave. is named in honor of former Fire Chief John C. Hojek, a 40 year veteran of the department who passed away last year.

Members of the Hojek family were on hand to witness the fulfillment of the Chief's dream of a new fire station, which replaces

the old facilities at 94th and Kedzie Ave. and 98th and Washtenaw Ave.

According to Chief Edward R. Clohessy, the "state of the art" facility was needed due to cramped quarters at the old station. Improvements include additional floor space to accommodate fire trucks and equipment without overcrowding. "We had vehicles parked bumper to bumper at the old facility," the Chief noted.

Also updated are the personal accommodation facilities for the 9 firefighters on each shift.

Three bathrooms and a shower replace a single bathroom and shower previously shared by the crew.

The one female firefighter has been accommodated "with separate sleeping and washroom facilities," Chief Clohessy explained.

Training facilities, a sophisticated exhaust system, hose cleaning and drying apparatus, a breathing air tank refill system, and modernized cooking facilities are also among the improvements noted.

official historic site, Cook School.

What specifically he had in mind for the structure, Mr. Stancik did not say.

Mr. Streit read a lengthy resolution proclaiming the Month of May as Historic Preservation Month, "in recognition of the hard work and effort of the Historic Commission."

All fourteen items listed on the "consent agenda" except one were unanimously passed without comment or discussion.

The sole item of discussion was a concern by Trustee Rosenbaum that a bid award to Ozinga Brothers for stone delivery was inadvertently omitted from the Village Clerk's agenda.

The following items were unanimously approved by the Village Board:

A request for a 20' street vacation of Park District property located adjacent 9532 S. 54th Ave., J.

Egan, petitioner;

A request for an alley vacation at 6011 W. 99th St., F. Hock, petitioner;

A request for a 47.6% parking variation at 4660 W. 94th St., G. Thies, petitioner;

A request for a lot size variation for home construction at 9416 S. 69th Ct., C. Bonner, petitioner;

An ordinance that adds Casimir Pulaski day to the list of holiday parking exemptions;

Bid awards for the purchase of concrete paving materials to Crowley-Sheppard of Chicago Ridge;

Bid awards to Vulcan Materials and Ozinga Bros. for stone aggregate material;

A request to waive the bidding process for the sale of used police cars to Blue Streak Motors of Ashland, Kentucky;

A Fire Dept. request for the promotion of one lieutenant, one engineer and one

firefighter;

A Police Dept. request for the promotion of one lieutenant, one sergeant and three new patrol officers;

A lease revision for 5316 W. 95th St., Rutledge, Printing for a 3%, 3% and 4% increase for the next 3 years;

A recommendation to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of Ornamental Street lights and poles from Esengee Electric of Tinley Park, in the amount of \$25,000.

The latter were requested by Village Engineer L. Krauss due to "damage resulting from accidents during the past several months."

A recommendation to waive formal bidding procedures and purchase a commercial riding lawn mower from Midway Turf & Tractor in the amount of \$14,382.

A two lot subdivision, 5' width variation on lot 1 and 5.98' width variation on lot 2 at 9310 S. Melvina, Gerald Hall, petitioner.

Military News

Patrick S. Gallagher, son of Patrick M. and Pamela S. Gallagher of Burbank, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station.

Gallagher, a student at Reavis High School, will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training on August 11, 1999.

Army Pvt. Karl F. Hoffman, son of Karon M. Hoffman of Algonquin and Fredrick W. Hoffman of Chicago, has graduated from the M1 Abrams tank system mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Harry D. Jacobs High School, Algonquin.

Army Reserve Pvt. Justin M. Gonzalez, son of Jesse F. and Holly P. Gonzalez of Chicago, has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Lincoln's Challenge Program, Rantoul, Illinois.

Bridget M. Smith, daughter of Kathleen M. and John J. Smith of Burbank, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station.

Smith, a senior at Reavis High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training August 26, 1999.

Navy Ensign Patrick J. Gavin, son of Thady C. and Gertrude E. Gavin of Evergreen Park, recently completed the Officer Indoctrination Course.

The 1987 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School joined the Navy in October 1998. Gavin is a 1991 graduate of Loyola University of Chicago, with a BBA degree.

Navy Seaman recruit Anna M. Coyle, daughter of David B. Coyle of Evergreen Park, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

She is a 1998 graduate of Queen of Peace High School of Burbank, Illinois.

Happy Mother's Day!



Loyalty day at Oak Lawn veterans memorial park

Photo by Annette Dixon

The Third District Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary units met at Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial Park to show their support for Loyalty Day, May 1st. Helen Dillard, 3rd District Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain was also Loyalty Day Chairman.

Letter to the Editor

Until my sister needed a transplant, I never gave organ donation a thought. Fortunately, because one person cared enough to be an organ donor, my sister Doris received the kidney that saved her life.

More than four million Illinoisans have already joined the state's organ and tissue donor registry. Are you registered? Here is how you can tell. On a digital license you'll see the word DONOR beside your photo. If you have an older driver's license, you'll see a small "Y" under the word DONOR. If either of those symbols are present, it means you are in the state organ and tissue donor registry — the largest in the nation. About 42 percent of the people who get a driver's license or ID card sign up each month. Organ banks can access the confidential database after a death has occurred to share a person's wishes with their family. It may seem simple, but that confirmation of a loved one's wishes is important to family members. Of course, nothing replaces a good family discussion — something I hope you will

do today.

If you haven't yet joined the registry, I urge you to reach into your wallet for your license and sign it now. Reach into your heart to

make the decision. Once you have signed, call my toll-free hotline to enter your name in the registry database. The number is 1-800-210-2106. Unfortunately, there are

many myths surrounding organ donation. I encourage you to call the above number during business hours to get the facts directly from my organ donor office. Or leave a message and a brochure will be sent to you.

I believe that any one who is armed with the facts will be moved to give the ultimate gift — the gift of life.

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For May 1999, **Psychic Predictions are for all Signs.** I use NumAstrology (I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight!) Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: If you want to make changes in your work habits, this is the time to do it. You need to set priorities however...what comes first? Decisions made should be followed through. E and W involved and Leo's. Invitations into Success and more income.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Someone will listen if you ask them to. You need someone to do this very thing because you may be too strung out and fatigued. Be aware that meditation helps, especially if you focus on one problem and let your own mind give you the answers. T aids.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Win, lose or draw, you are there doing your best, but, is anyone watching? Does anyone appear to be caring about how hard you are trying to do your best? D and someone in Capricorn involved.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Yes, there are people who simply do not understand your point of view or what you are trying to do. Try to make things clear to those who ask. But, you cannot please all of the people all of the time. L helps.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You might ask others to explain why they are dragging their feet when it comes to your needs. Try doing this with your mate too. Can you succeed in some new venture? Yes! Try it. Special people, like parents, are a big help to you and T...too.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: "If it walks like a duck..." Well, you know the old story, "what you see is what you get!" Don't let yourself be fooled by some fast-talking sharpie. Be informed and don't sign anything without reading all of that fine print. Aries and J aid.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Try to spruce up the home, especially the bedroom, more colour will help, flowers and drapes, etc. Romance is waiting for you, too. For some of you, someone you used to love comes back in your life. J aids.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You could be becoming deeply involved in new ventures, especially in some form of media. If this means more money, more travel, better conditions, then, do not procrastinate, do it! Say "Yes" to newness. Look your best! S aids.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Most of you should evaluate your work and ask yourself if you are doing what you like to do, is it worth your time and effort, etc. There is no better time to make whatever changes are necessary to make improvements. Love is walking your path now. Someone K or P involved and an Aries too.

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Ryan announces cooperative effort to save 930 Illinois' jobs

Governor George H. Ryan announced that the nation's largest manufacturer of work uniforms has abandoned plans to close its two Chicago-area factories and instead will create 200 to 300 new jobs over the next three years.

"For Illinois to remain competitive in the next century, we must not only create jobs, but we must retain the jobs that we already have," Ryan said. "This is a good example of how government and the business community can work together to save jobs in Illinois. I applaud the efforts of everyone involved in keeping these jobs in Illinois." Ryan joined State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, House Speaker Mike Madigan, D-Chicago, State Sen. Louis S. Viverito, D-Burbank and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in assembling a package of job training funds, financial assistance and tax credits to retain Uniforms To You, a division of Cincinnati-based Cintas. The package will preserve 930 Illinois jobs and create an additional 200 to 300 jobs over the next three years.

In return for the state aid package, Cintas has agreed to invest \$6 million to \$12 million for an expansion of its Bedford Park operations.

The company, which is located in an existing enterprise zone, will qualify for an investment tax credit, a jobs tax credit, sales tax exemptions and a utility tax exemption. Additionally, DCCA has agreed to provide the company with an Industrial Training Program grant to upgrade the skills of existing employees and train new employees.

Treasurer Topinka's office will assist by providing low-interest financing under the State Treasurer's Economic Program.

The company also will benefit from the community of Bedford Park's decision to approve an industrial redevelopment tax reduction resulting in an estimated \$3

million in savings over 10 years. Commonwealth Edison agreed to sell land adjacent to the facility to accommodate an expansion.

Uniforms To You is the nation's leading designer and provider of customized uniforms for hotel, food, lodging and service employees. Hotel clients, such as Hilton and Hyatt, use the company to outfit bellman, doormen, house keepers and food and beverage workers. The company also provides uniforms for workers at banks, restaurants and casinos. The company has operated manufacturing facilities in Illinois since its founding in 1983.

The package will allow the company to retain at least 700 employees at its Bedford Park facility and an additional 230 employees at a companion facility of Lawrence Avenue in Chicago. Cintas also pledged to create 200 to 300 new full-time jobs over the next three years at its Bedford Park site.

Learn to perk up your decor

Decorating Den Designer, Abby Malloy, will show slides and share tips on how to perk up your home decor at the spring "Make-Over" luncheon at 12:00 o'clock, May 20. Sponsored by the Beverly South Christian Women's Club, the luncheon will be held at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills.

Special music will be presented

Free "on-premises" child care for toddlers-to-kindergarten is provided with advance reservations.

For reservations, please call Marcella at (708) 430-5062.

OLCHS to recognize students at special awards ceremony

Oak Lawn Community High School, District 229, will hold its 12th Annual Spring Student Awards and Recognition Assembly, Friday, May 7, 1999 at 1 p.m. in the Spartan Gym.

Over 400 freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be honored for their achievements in academic areas, and extracurricular activities during the past 1998-99 school year.

Special awards for student leadership, perfect attendance, the announcement of the newly elected class officers, and the announcement of the Outstanding Junior Boy and Girl will highlight the program. In addition, Illinois State Scholars, National Merit Scholars, Honor Roll Students, and student receiving scholarships will also be announced. Music provided by the award winning OLCHS band and choir and a selection of the spring musical, "Hello Dolly" will conclude the program, along with the announcement of the 1999-2000 class officers and Student Council representatives.

The entire student body will attend the special ceremony. Parents and community residents are cordially invited to attend.

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Illinois Tourism Facts - National Tourism Week May 2-8

Chicago was ranked the fifth largest hotel market in the US in 1998. The top four were, in order, Las Vegas, Orlando, Los Angeles/Long Beach, and Atlanta.

Amtrak teamed with nine Midwest states to unveil a plan to provide high-speed rail service from Chicago to Midwestern cities by 2006. Plans will include spending \$5 million to establish a rail connection on Chicago's South Side.

A banner year is in store for recreational vehicle sale, predicts The Kiplinger Washington Letter. The newsletter attributes the sales boom to affluent baby boomers, cheap fuel prices and low interest rates.

According to the 1998 Lodging Study prepared by AHMA, 52 percent of the 9,400 respondents offered in-room voice mail, 48% have health and fitness centers and 36 percent include complimentary breakfast.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) told the more than 1,100 attendees of the 17th annual Travel and Tourism Unity Dinner that he will push for funding of the U.S. National Tourism Organization (USNTO). Speaking in Washington, D.C., Lott also said he wants to make it easier for tourists to visit the U.S. and he wants to see the industry grow, prosper and remain one of

the leading employers in America.

The ASTA/Fodor's annual hot spots forecast for 1999 is out. For domestic locations, Orlando is on top followed by Las Vegas, New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Chicago, New Orleans, Washington, D.C., and Miami.

U.S. Internet usage for travel planning increased from 3.1 million users in 1996 to 33.8 million users in 1998, a 1,000 percent in-

crease in just two years.

Total consumer inquiries (phone, mail and website visit) are up 77% for the first two months of 1999, as compared to the same time period last year.

The 1999/2000 Travel Guide and the April-September Fairs and Festivals Guide are now available. Call 1-800-2CONNECT to receive your personal copy.

Nolan chairs "Building Tomorrow Together" dinner



William Nolan, President F.O.P., Lodge #7

William J. Nolan, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7, as Chairman of the 25th Annual Recognition Dinner of Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital Center, announced the "Building Tomorrow Together" dinner will be held Friday, May 21. A cocktail reception at 7 p.m., followed by an 8:30 dinner, will be held at the Field Museum, Roosevelt

Road at Lake Shore Drive.

This year's honorees will include Lowell I. Stahl, inductee into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame, who changed the course of real estate in the Chicagoland area when he purchased the rights to head the Northern Illinois franchise operations of Century 21. Stahl will be given the Annual Recognition Award.

The first "Community Service Award" will be presented to Jesse C. White, Illinois Secretary of State, who is a member of Saint Mary of Nazareth Advisory Board.

Sister Stella Louise will be recognized for her leadership of Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital Center for four decades and her nurturing of the Annual Recognition Dinner for 25 years.

For more information, please call 312/770-2507.

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Oak Lawn Senior Center annual flea market

Photo by Annette Dixon

The Senior Citizen Center held their annual flea market and 92-year old Oak Lawn resident, Laura Desimpel sells raffle tickets each year. Ms. Desimpel is from the Greater Oak Lawn Council which meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 95th Street in Oak Lawn.

Dr. Harris to speak at Aglow International

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, May 13th at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall, 6254 W. 111th St. Dr. Mildred Harris, founder and president of God First Ministries, will be the featured speaker.

Dinner tickets are \$12.00, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 p.m. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.

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Worth Repeating

"Not With My Kids You Don't"

By Earl F. Gough

The bill's sponsors, St. Sen Patrick O'Malley (R) and State Rep. Kevin McCarthy (D) say that vaccination choice is best left to parents. They propose that "conscientiously-held beliefs" are as valid as those exemptions for religious and medical reasons and parents, to whom the children belong, have as much right to claim that exemption. They don't think Big Brother knows best.

However, public health officials are showing opposition to parental rights and favor bad politics which supports bad science. For three important reasons, SB 823 should be strongly supported:

1.) Need for better science and public education

There is growing opposition to some vaccinations because children and adults are experiencing adverse effects and even death. Testimony has been heard from parents whose children are cripple for life with autoimmune disorders among other diseases including MS attributed to vaccinations. In the case of the Brockman family of Mazon, Illinois, two of their children died.

Look at the hepatitis B vaccination as an example. To avoid semantic problems or misleading you, let's set the record straight. We are talking about vaccinations not immunizations. Vaccinations do not completely immunize. Calling it an immunization is one of those politically-correct, introduced words that gives a warm and fuzzy false sense of protection - i.e., if you received it, you are now immune. This reflects where bad politics supports bad science.

Also, scientists are beginning to discover latent adverse reactions in adults with some vaccinations indicating insufficient follow-up by developing researchers. Yet, the manufacturer's merely report that the "casual relationship is not established." (Poor science.)

Doctors are expected to report adverse reactions; however, there are no penalties for not reporting and many adverse reactions are labeled as coincidental. In the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) in 1993, Dr. David Kessler indicated that 99%

of adverse reactions are not reported. (Poor science.)

Doctors are taught in medical school that vaccinations are beneficial. However, neglect of drug companies and related agencies to follow-up on adverse and latent side effects to children and adults has contributed to the lack of critical thinking by those administering vaccinations which are intended to help. (Poor science.)

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, in 1997, 284 cases of hepatitis B were reported. According to Dipiro in Pharmacotherapy, most completely recover. Statistically 65% experience full recovery, less than 1% die and the balance have some chronic problems.

Compare this with 613 "reported" cases of adverse effects from hepatitis B vaccinations where 173 are serious and 7 died between July, 1990 and Nov., 1998.

It would follow, according to Dr. Kessler, that if reported vaccinations resulted in 173 serious cases and 7 deaths, with 1% reported, there could be 17,300 serious cases and 70 deaths. That is far too many to justify the medical cliché - "The benefits justify the risk." (Poor science.)

The Illinois Department of Public Health recently wrote that in the case of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), parents are not asked what vaccinations the child has received. This negligence is a sad oversight. (Poor science.)

2.) Freedom of choice in health care

A representative of the Illinois Department of Public Health stated "You know, Senator O'Malley, we simply can't trust parents to make decisions about the health of their children." Some bureaucrats think Big brother knows best and adopt a socialist mentality urging "universal mandatory vaccinations" to protect the "herd." Such thinking is dangerous and sounds like a page out of Marx & Lenin.

For several years, laboratories have been working on a cocaine vaccine. An abstract from the National Institute on Drug Abuse indicates that this vaccine presents a philosophical discussion and moral dilemma. Will stereotypical groups be targets or will it be "universal mandatory vaccinations" for the "herd" again? How about the HIV vaccination which others are developing? "Universal mandatory vaccinations" again? Should universal vaccinations be given to protect against the behavior of a few? How many of us will suffer from latent adverse reactions and the actual disease these vaccines are intended to eradicate? There are a lot of unanswered questions that require better science.

This is America, and unlike communist and socialist countries, we believe in a free-market with limited government where an integral component is individual freedom, personal responsibility and being information (education). In this issue, we

are informed and the inalienable right as to whom the children belong is at risk.

3. Parental rights

Children and the family unit belong to and are the responsibility of the parents - they are not the state's property. We have the inalienable right to determine, with good conscience, what is best for our own families.

Fighting to maintain our freedom of choice does not mean we are anti-vaccination advocates. Educate us with facts from credible science, so we ourselves can make the decision that the benefit is worth the risk. In the mean time, for some vaccinations, the facts are not there. Unfortunately, some state mandates which have usurped parental rights have proven a disaster for too many families.

Our federal government has legally insulated manufacturers from liability. And even though the feds have instituted The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program with our tax money, compensation is unconstitutional and in light of the above, it can not replace the health and life of our loved ones.

We have a serious problem with the way our public

policy is decided and too much power is in the hand on one man, Dr. John Lumpkin of the Illinois Department of Public Health, whose decision even by-passes our state legislature.

Therefore, to borrow from columnist Bob Holland's book title where he shows the dangers of federal control of education, I also say - "Not With My Kids You don't!"

Moraine Valley to offer Training Seminar

Moraine Valley Community College will offer a technology class for teachers in May titled "The How-To's of Creating an Elec-

tronic Portfolio."

The one-day class will take place on Thursday, May 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. It will meet in Room 925 of the Center for Contemporary Technology, located on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. The cost is \$50.

Participants will learn how technology can add a new dimension to self-assessment, as well as the basics of Power Point. The class will also provide steps to take when having students create their own electronic portfolios.

For more information, call the Workforce Development and Community Services Department at (708) 974-5745. To register, call the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office at (708) 974-2110 (TTY/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556).

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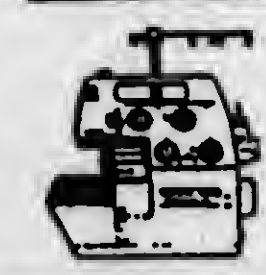
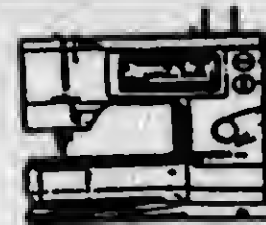
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- Can anything positive come from this tragedy?
- How parents can relieve their own fears about school safety.

Universal School holds open house

Recently prospective parents and their children were invited to attend Universal School's Experience It! pro-

gram. Visitors met administrators, teachers, and students as well to learn more about one of the nation's leading Islamic schools.

Prospective students spent the day with a host student of the same grade level to gain a greater understanding of the unique religious environment and high academic standards. Parents attended seminars and panel discussions with the administration, various teachers and had the ability to meet students. Parents were also allowed to sit in and observe classes.

Universal School is a private school recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and educates an ethnically diverse student population of 500 students grades pre-k through 12. Universal is the largest of the five Islamic schools in the Chicagoland area and is in its ninth year of operation.

For more information about the school call 708-599-4100.

Genealogist hold meeting

The Tinley Moraine Genealogist will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 6, at the Tinley Park High School located at 6111 W. 175th Street, go to rear of the building.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Joan Hemzacek, who is a former teacher and at the present time is a volunteer at the Hinsdale Library and at the Federal Archives. She has taught a beginners workshop at the archives and has traced her own family back to 1820. She has a special interest in Czech/Slovak Genealogy and also Sudetenland (German/Bohemia). This will be an interesting evening for all that attend.

Members are free, non-members \$1.00. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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Theatre Alive

with Georgean Fitzgerald



Roger Anderson (left) is George and James Harms is Albin in Drury Lane Theater in Evergreen Park's production of "La Cage Aux Folles."

Billed as a song and dance extravaganza "La Cage Aux Folles" is all of that and more. It opened Friday, April 23, with a pre-show reception at 6:30, and the performance curtain rising in the Evergreen Park Drury Lane Theater at 8:30. Surprise and entertainment awaited us when it was presented with great energy and superb talent.

This gender bending romantic musical comedy with music by Jerry Herman is

the theatre's most lavish song and dance production ever. It easily competes with any Las Vegas style show. This is the musical on which the movie, "The Bird Cage" was based. The theme tells the story of Albin (Zaza), played by James Harms who must deal with two life styles. One as a "female" performer who is gay and the other as a father whose person is about to be married. He is faced with the problem of meeting his son's future in-laws. Because of his dif-

ferent life-styles Albin/Zaza must play the role of Albin when meeting the son's future in-laws.

La Cage Aux Folles won six Tony awards and features the show-stopping "I am What I Am." Besides the talented actor James Harms playing the dual roles of Albin and Zaza, for which he received the Joseph Jefferson Award for his performance in 1988 and 1992, the cast includes Paula Scrofano and Dale Benson, both popular as regular performers at Candlelight Theater. Local actress Katrina Lenk, a Northwestern University graduate, also is a cast member appearing in the chorus of beautiful babes called Les Cagelles. The stunning costumes have

been created by Caryn Weglarz while jewelry design is by Dean Vitale of Xcessories. Musical director is Marcel Graham. The person most responsible for pulling this type of show all together is Marc Robin who is the artistic director for this Jeff Award Drury Lane Theater. Performances run through May 30. Box office: 708-422-040. You'll really be impressed.

Local Community Theater Offerings

S.T.A.R. presents Neil Simon's "Rumors" Southwest Theatre and Arts Resources, Clearing United Methodist Church, 5717 W. 63rd Place, Chicago, (312) 802-8020

Saturday, May 1, Sunday Matinee, May 2 at 3 p.m., Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8, Curtain: 8 p.m. Admission: \$8.00

"The Wizard of Oz" (Chicago Heights Drama Group), May 14, 15, and 16, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., Bloom High School, 19th Street and Dixie Highway Phone: 708-755-3444, P.O. Box 594, Chicago Heights, IL 60412



Beverly Theatre Guild presents "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?"

The children of St. Bastion's Grammar School, (left to right), Augie Thompson, as Eddie Ryan; Cheri Woyner, as Virginia Lear; Dan Murphy, as Felix Linder; and Elise Popernik, as Nancy Ralansky; get together in this scene from the Beverly Theatre Guild's production of the musical "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?", book by Chicago's own John R. Powers, music and lyrics by James Quinn and Alaric Jans, based on the novel by John R. Powers. The story based on Power's experience, takes a humorous look at growing up and going to Catholic school on the south side of Chicago. "Patent Leather Shoes," will be presented at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th St., Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. and the following weekend, Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 23 at 2 p.m. Call (312) 409-2705 for tickets which are \$15 for adults, \$13 for senior citizens and students, with group rates available.

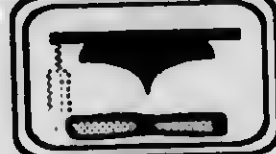


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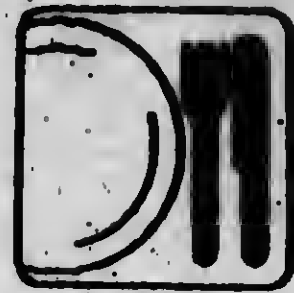
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Whether cooking with charcoal or gas is your grilling preference, beef steaks and burgers are the top choices for grilling. But these quintessential favorites are sharing the sizzle with new and different options like beef quesadillas and pizzas.

Perfect for a week night family meal, tasty 25-minute Grilled Beef Quesadillas bring the best of Tex-Mex right to your grill. They're extra easy, too, because you begin with cooked beef. Choose convenient deli roast beef or slices of heat-and-serve beef tri-tip roast or pot roast. All are equally easy and delicious. To assemble, simply layer a quick corn and black bean salsa on flour tortillas with the beef and pre-shredded Co-Jack cheese. Fold, then grill for about five minutes to heat through and add a smoky flavor. Using easy beef products makes these quesadillas a cinch.

Restaurant favorite grilled pizza is showing up on home grills, too. Grilled Beef & Smoked Gouda Pizzas are delicious, just right for casual - and easy - entertaining. These pizzas promise to impress - the grilled beef, vegetables and cheese are irresistible! Guests can share in the preparation as they're made in just a few simple steps.

• Grill the eggplant, bell peppers and beef sirloin steak to impart delicious smoky flavor.

- 1/2 drained cup frozen whole corn kernels, defrosted
- 8 medium flour tortillas (8-10-inch diameter)
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded Co-Jack cheese

1. In medium bowl, combine salsa, cilantro and lime juice. In second bowl, com-

bine 1/2 cup salsa mixture, beans and corn. Set aside remaining salsa mixture.

2. Sprinkle cheese evenly on one side of each tortilla; divide beef evenly among tortillas. Top with scant 1/4 cup of bean mixture. Fold tortillas in half.

3. Place quesadillas on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 4 to 5 minutes or until golden brown; turn once. Serve with

reserved salsa mixture.

Makes 8 quesadillas Grilled Beef & Smoked Gouda Pizzas

Total preparation & cooking time: 1-1/2 hours

- 1-1/4 pound boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 3/4 thick
- 2 tablespoons cornmeal
- 2 packages (10 ounces each) refrigerated pizza dough
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small eggplant (6 to 7 inches long), cut crosswise into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 1 large yellow bell pepper, quartered
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded smoked Gouda cheese

1. Sprinkle cornmeal on two large baking sheets. Unroll each pizza dough and cut in half. Place two halves on each baking sheet. Press each piece into approximately 8 x 5-inch free-form rectangle; brush lightly with some of the oil. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

2. Brush eggplant and bell pepper with oil. Press lemon pepper evenly into both sides of beef steak. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange eggplant and bell pepper around steak. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 16 minutes or until steak is medium rare to medium doneness and veg-

etables are tender, turning occasionally. Brush eggplant with any remaining oil during grilling, if needed. Remove steak and vegetables from grill; cool slightly. Allow coals to cool to medium-low.

3. Carefully place pizza crusts, cornmeal-side down, directly on grid over medium-low coals. (If necessary, crusts can be grilled in two batches.) Grill, uncovered, 3 to 4 minutes or until edges are puffy and bottoms have brown grill marks. (Watch carefully so that crusts do not burn.) Turn

crusts over. Grill second side one minute or until partially cooked. Return crusts to baking sheets, cornmeal-coated sides up.

4. Cut eggplant slices into quarters. Cut bell pepper pieces into thin strips. Carve steak crosswise into thin slices. Arrange equal amounts of eggplant, tomatoes, beef and bell pepper on pizza crusts; sprinkle with cheese.

5. Grill, covered, over medium-low coals two to three minutes or until crusts are cooked and browned on bottom, and cheese is soft



Titanic passengers ate well before icy demise

"Titanic: A New Musical," Broadway's Tony Award-winning phenomenon, sets sail at The Civic Opera House, 20 North Wacker, for a limited run through June 6.

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Passengers:

- 2,228 total passengers and crew
- First class - 337
- Second class - 271
- Third class - 712
- Crew - 908
- Survivors - 706

Food Facts

(provisions on board):

- Fresh Meat - 75,000 lbs.
- Poultry and Game - 25,000 lbs.
- Eggs - 42,000
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- Sweetbreads - 1,000
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- Oranges - 36,000
- Lettuce - 7,000 heads
- Fresh Milk - 1,500 gallons
- Cigars - 8,000
- Bottles of wine and other spirits - 3,700
- Coffee - 2,200 lbs.
- Sugar - 10,000 lbs.
- Bacon and Ham - 7,500 lbs.
- Sausages - 2,500 lbs.
- Fresh Butter - 6,000 lbs.

Grilled Beef Quesadillas

Total preparation & cooking time: 25 minutes

- 3/4 pound thinly sliced deli roast beef
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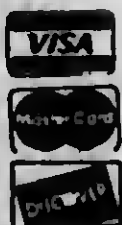
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The Surprise Party

Well it's finally over the surprise party that took nine months to organize, coordinate and plan, was celebrated this past Saturday night at the Johnson-Phelps VFW hall in Oak Lawn. For my mother-in-law Marion Whirity, it was a birthday party celebrated in style. The idea came up last summer when, over a Fourth of July barbecue, Bill suggested to his brothers and sisters that they do something special for their Mothers upcoming seventieth birthday. The idea of a surprise party quickly came to mind. Bill is one of eight siblings, which had me optimistic that planning a party would be a piece of cake. Now, if you happen to come from a large family, you are probably laughing at my premature optimism that everything would run smoothly and efficiently.

The first biggest obstacle was getting everyone together for the meetings. Working around eight different work schedules was no easy feat, but alas, the first meeting took place. The most important obstacle would be the guest list. When the person you're honoring has eight kids and twenty-one grandchildren, she accumulates alot of friends along the way. Each sibling had a good reason why "so and so" should be invited, which explains why the guest list ended up looking more like a wedding reception than a seventieth birthday party. Who could say no to good neighbor Judy Stankus' brother Dan, who is always a fun loving part of the crowd? Or what about her children's in-laws, the Kennedy's, Messina's, and Frost's. See what I mean? Invitations were sent out, the cake was ordered and for the most part, each of us kept our fingers crossed that it would be pulled off without a hitch.

The VFW hall with its elegant chandeliers and spacious dance floor held the perfect ambience for this special affair. For the most part, the eight brothers and sisters had done a fairly decent job, give or take a few grunts and groans. Hey, by the night of the party at least they were all still speaking! And then, the last few weeks of hushed conversations and anticipation were about to come to an end, as the honored guest came walking through the door. I can't explain the joy I felt at seeing this woman. I have had the pleasure of knowing for twenty-three years, look around to see the love of family and friends yelling surprise, as she stood there speechless - for once in her life. It is at these special times in life, when love wraps its arms around seventy years of living that a golden moment is born for all of us to celebrate.



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Letter to the Editor

A plan to give parents more control over the immunizations the state mandates for their children is currently awaiting action in the House of Representatives. On March 25, forty-six Senators voted to approve Senate Bill 823, which I am proud to sponsor. Unfortunately, there are other people who are working very hard to defeat this measure. To insure that the bill receives a hearing in the House, I am asking Illinois citizens to call their State Representatives and ask them to support this very important bill.

One example of such opposition to immunization decisions being made by individual families was voiced by a representative from the Department of Public Health who informed me, "Frankly, Senator O'Malley, we just can't trust parents to make important decisions about the health of their children." Unfortunately, this attitude is prevalent among those who

wish to preserve the status quo. They feel that the lives of some of our children are expendable in the name of a greater good they have determined to be in our best interest.

Immunizations are intended to protect young children from the scourge of preventable diseases, but the reality is that many times these shots can cause severe health reactions, even death. Senate Bill 823 encourages parents to consult with their physicians to learn more about state-mandated immunizations and the risks associated with them.

From July 1, 1990 to Nov. 31, 1998, the Federal Food and Drug Administration received 3,012 reports of vaccine-related adverse reactions in Illinois. Of those, 1,258 were serious adverse reactions and 47 resulted in death. The FDA estimates that less than 10 percent of adverse events following vaccination are actually re-

ported.

Senate Bill 823 will require the parent or legal guardian to submit a signed, notarized statement of objection detailing the nature of the conscientiously held belief 45 days before the school term begins. As part of administering state law, schools would be required to notify parents of the existence of all exemptions, including for religious and medical reasons. The legislation also encourages public health officials to do a better job of informing parents about the risks and benefits associated with immunization.

The Vaccine Advisory Committee of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services concluded on Sept. 5, 1997, that philosophical exemptions do not appear to have a major detrimental impact on a child's health and well-being. For those who believe the incidence of disease will be in-

creased by this legislation, the Center for Disease Control reports that of the 17 states with a philosophical exemption — including California, Michigan and Wisconsin — 16 had fewer cases of measles than Illinois in 1997, 14 fewer cases of hepatitis B, and 11 had fewer cases of rubella.

Senate Bill 823 is not anti-immunization. It's about letting Illinois moms and dads make critical decisions affecting their children's health and well-being. I applaud those Senators who agree with me that we can trust Illinois parents to make responsible decisions about the health of their children, just as they trust us to make important decisions for them in the General Assembly. Let your State Representatives know that you also want them to vote for Senate Bill 823.

Sincerely,
Patrick J. O'Malley
State Senator,
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Old Country Buffet salute moms

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Depot, south of Lafayette is waiting for your visitation. The railroad museum located in the original train depot is opened May through September 1 through the 5th or weekends by appointment.

Group tours by appointment during the weekday can be made by calling 765-339-RAIL (7245) or 1-800-866-3973.

There are 15 privately owned operating mills in the United States and there is one in Bridgeton, IN in Parke, County.

Mike Roe, who owns the 2nd oldest centennial business in Indiana demonstrated how a burr stone grinds so finely.

The mill which sets on the south bank of Big Raccoon Creek, also has a covered bridge located there. This operated grist mill has been operating since 1823 with burr stones grinding corn, wheat, rye and buckwheat for the town and customers throughout the Midwest.

For further information on burr stones mills, Mr. Roe is an expert. If you need reservations for a demonstration and tour, call his other business at Honey Creek Mall, 812-234-1520.

Lastly, the restaurants were all too delectable and the only way we would be able to mention them is if we wrote about the chefs and their specialties.



Photo courtesy of Billie Creek Village

Summer horse drawn wagon rides at Billie Creek Village.

The village has three covered bridges, which can lighten your covered bridge tour. Billie creek also has an Inn, which was most modern, clean and friendly.

They have 31 rooms and some with whirlpool tubs built for two. Their free 24 hour continental breakfast served with cereal, pastries, fresh fruits, and beverage is one of the best I have tasted.

Call early for reservations for the summer, they are centrally located for touring Parke and Putnam counties, where there are 32 covered bridges. Prices range from \$59 to \$119 per night, peak season, less for off season. There are group rates, corporate rates, and motorcoach rates upon request.

Currently, Billie Creek

have their Little Italy Festival with grape stomping, Italian music, and authentic food. For more details, call 765-832-8205.

Don't forget Terre Haute and the John Dillinger bank robberies, which I may be fantasizing, but almost every town boasts of Dillinger's bank robberies within Putnam County.

Even though Terre Haute is in Vigo County, I'm sure they will boast of one also.

A must for anyone interested in aquariums is the Aquatic Technologies/Inland Aquatics. It's a collection of over 40,000 gallons of saltwater and freshwater aquariums dedicated to the propagation of corals, tropical fish and freshwater fish of all sorts. Words cannot explain the complex and elaborate work

to effectively removed wastes and at the same time produces a natural state of oxygen saturation and stable pH condition.

The entire facility illustrates what can be established by allowing mother nature to work her magic.

Interested parties can arrange for special tours and photo-ops by contacting AT/IA Education Department at 812-232-9000.

There's even a tribute to Ernie Pyle in Dana, IN on Hwy. 36. Free admissions to this State Historic site was well worth the side trip.

For fond memories of a legendary journalist who wrote with his heart, every display had audio and visual perfection with a touch of reality.

Railroad buffs, the Linden



Photo by Annette Dixon

Looking through century old windows at Big Raccoon Dam in Bridgeton Mill.



ERNIE PYLE STATE HISTORIC SITE

DANA, INDIANA

Happy Mother's Day!

Gaelic Storm brings "Titanic" party to Paramount Arts Centre

The Paramount Arts Centre, located at 8 East Galena Blvd. in Aurora, is planning on a party of "Titanic" magnitude as Gaelic Storm, the five-piece "steering band" from the movie "Titanic," performs high-energy Celtic jigs and traditional Irish sing-a-longs on Friday, June 18 at 8 p.m.

Featured in one of Titanic's most exuberant scenes, Gaelic Storm's music personified the fierce passion and wild celebration of the less highbrowed passengers. The band's self-titled debut release, which premiered at number eight on the World Music Chart, contains the band's versions of 12 sprightly Celtic jigs, dance tunes and classic Irish sing-a-longs.

In traditional Irish style, the tall tales of fair lasses, dancing and crawls from the pubs are told through the gritty earthiness of Gaelic

Storm. An instrumental, simply entitled "The Storm," is the only original composition on the album. The rest, like any other Irish tale, are pieces that have been passed down from generation to generation.

"We feel that this first release greatly represents a well-rounded cross section of who we are and what we do," says Stephen Wehmeyer, the only band member to hail from the United States. "This is high-energy, up-tempo Celtic music in the tradition of the Irish Rovers, the Clancy brothers and other folk-revivalist bands. We are all about the seaside pub, where explorers and other souls with restless spirits for adventure look to find a bit of the homeland."

In fact, the name Gaelic Storm is a nod to the maritime legacy of Irish music, as well as the thunderous

energy produced by the band's varied instruments, including spoons, fiddle, accordion, harmonica, mandolin, Irish goat-skin drums and the African djembe and tapan. The instruments reflect the band's diverse heritage. Lead vocalist Patrick Murphy hails from Cork City, Ireland; Steve Twigger (guitar, mandolin and vocals) and Shep Lonsdale call England their home; Samantha Hunt, fiddle, comes from Zambia, Africa; and drummer Stephen Wehmeyer was raised in Olean, New York.

In addition to its performance in the movie, the band has two songs featured on the soundtrack "Back to the Titanic," and preformed at "Titanic" Los Angeles premier. The band's music is also featured in the HBO special "The Making of Titanic."



St. Linus School visits state capitol

Seventh graders from St. Linus School in Oak Lawn meet State Rep. James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park), when the class visited the state capitol in Springfield on April 14. Brosnahan urges the schools in his district that offer class trips to Springfield to call his office at 499-2810 in order to schedule meetings with them.

AAA-CMC, Six Flags to salute the AAA School Safety Patrol

All current School Safety Patrollers from Illinois and Northern Indiana are invited to attend the fourth annual AAA School Safety Patrol Day at Six Flags Great America on Saturday, May 22 at a special discounted rate of \$21.95. Tickets are available only through the AAA-Chicago Motor Club's Public Affairs Department. For ticket information, call (847) 390-9000, ext. 1447.

Four generations have passed since Charles M. Hayes, the first president of the AAA-Chicago Motor Club, founded the AAA School Safety Patrol. The patrol concept was born in Chicago when AAA-CMC officials and civic leaders became alarmed by the rise in young pedestrian deaths and injuries brought about by the rapid increase in automobile traffic. That was in 1920.

Today, the AAA School Safety Patrol is an American as baseball, hot dogs and apple pie. And like those icons of Americana, the pa-

trol has crossed borders and oceans.

Patrols can now be found in every state, Canada and 29 other nations. More than 50,000 schools have Safety Patrols, representing nearly 75 percent of the communities in the United States. About 500,000 students serve as School Safety Patrol volunteers every year, and many often become outstanding citizens and civic leaders as adults.

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Palos Heights Meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

Has the war returned? Several issues were brought up at the city council meeting of Palos Heights, Tuesday, April 20, including where Spotter, a cat would reside.

Spotter, according to Alderman Julie Corsi (1st Ward), lived at the public works building for 12 years. Mayor Dean Koldenhoven learned of the cat when an expense was being made for perfume spray at the garage and asked that the cat be removed. He said, "I don't believe a cat belongs in a workplace like that. I love animals, don't get me wrong, but it is unsafe."

Alderman Jim Murphy spoke up in Spotter's defense and said that he had never been a problem.

The debate continued for some time until the mayor called for a vote. Alderman Murphy, Passarelli, Corsi, Healy, and Phillips voted in favor of keeping the cat at the public works building. Alderman Fulkerson, Donnick, and Van Henkelum voted to have it removed.

Alderman Donnick made

a final comment by saying, "We shouldn't spend time talking about the cat. Taxpayers did not elect us for that."

The next issue brought up was the \$1 million in general obligation bonds issued in 1991 for the Metra Commuter Rail Station.

Barbara L. Cheviar, Vice President of Speer Financial, said the refinancing would save the city \$80,498.73 in interest at a rate of 4.123%.

Alderman Murphy questioned Cheviar over when the bonds were sold. He was under the impression that although it was a good deal it was done without the council's consent. He spoke to representatives of the company on Tuesday, who said the bonds were "sold." He felt the power of the city council was circumvented.

Cheviar explained that sold was a term used in negotiations. She said, "I think this is an issue of semantics. The specifications of the bond sale have been finalized but, it is all subject to a vote of the city council."

Murphy continued to insist that things were not up

to par and a sale had been made without council approval.

City Attorney Warren Swanson was called upon by the mayor to explain. He said, "The sale is entirely illusional, until you vote. The sale occurs when the vote is taken."

A vote was taken and it passed unanimously for sale of the bonds but, Murphy was still upset.

In the citizen portion of the agenda, Michael Kearney approached the council about the fence and shed on his property at the 7500 block of Ishanala Drive. His fence and shed (which needs to be replaced) sit on the city's right of way as do many of his neighbors.

Alderman Corsi moved to have an ordinance made to vacate a 17 foot wide strip of the 50 foot right of way along the east side of the 76th Avenue to allow Kearney to replace his fence. The motion passed 5-3 with Fulkerson, Van Henkelum, and Donnick voting against it.

Also from the audience appeared Andrew McMahon, a developer, say-

ing that he was a victim of intimidation. Ryan Development Group of Hinsdale submitted plans to develop a eight home subdivision at 123rd Street and Nagel Avenue.

Alan Fulkerson said development of the property was never finished and the city had to be called in to complete the work. They were now asking for \$32,500 line of credit for fees unpaid.

McMahon said he lost revenue from the subdivision and could not work with the city on the project. He plans to sue the city for \$1 million and even accused the mayor, William Czajkowski, building commissioner, and Larry Miller, city engineer of intimidation. He said that he had to pay the line of credit and would go to court. Alan Fulkerson said he was notified several times to his partner and how did he know of that night's meeting?

McMahon plans to file the lawsuit next week. In speculation of Tuesday's meeting it was back to the old days of the council.

Protection Trust Fund, to be used in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act. The only exception is if a unit of local government issued the adminis-

trative citation, then 50% of the civil penalty shall be payable to the unit of local government.

Passed unanimously by both the House of Representatives and the Senate,

State Rep. Brosnahan's Legislative Update

Patient's Bill of Rights-Managed Care Reform Act (HB-626) - This legislation will ensure medical decisions are made by patients and doctors-not by HMO officials. It also lifts the "gag-clause" on doctors, to ensure patients are given every medical option. Status: Passed the House; now in the Senate.

Nursing Home Inspections on the Internet (HB-803) - The Department of Public Health must post reports of nursing home inspections on the Internet. This measure will help senior citizens and their families become more aware of the treatment, care and safety a nursing home provides. Status: Passed the House; now in the Senate.

Fund Education First (HB-710) - Devotes 51 cents of every new state dollar to Illinois Public education. This legislation decreased the burden on local property taxpayers by providing additional state funding for elementary and secondary education. Status: Passed the House; now in the Senate.

Keeping Sex Offenders Away from Parks (HB-1079) - This measure provides a Class 4 felony to a

child sex offender who is loitering in or around park facilities. Status: Passed the House; now in the Senate.

The Safety Structural Work Act (House Bill 210) - This legislation protects construction workers by requiring that all companies in charge of a construction site are to provide safe scaffolds, cranes, ladders, platforms and other equipment. Status: Passed the House; now in the Senate.

The Illinois Family and Medical Leave Act (HB-2) - enables working families to take reasonable leave for the birth or adoption of a child, or to care for a child, spouse or parent who has serious health conditions. Status: Passed the House; now in the Senate.

Home Care (HB-462) - Allows people with severe disabilities to receive intensive care at home, rather than in a hospital or other institution. The legislation requires the state to provide a plan so that people with autism will be able to obtain the best available support programs, while remaining home with their families. Status: Passed the House; now in the Senate.

O'Malley's legislation targeting illegal dumping goes to governor

Persons who illegally dump tires and other large items on private property or public land like forest preserves will face fines that are three to six times the current penalty, under legislation cosponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

Passed by the Illinois Senate on April 21, which was Earth Day, House Bill 2011 increases civil penalties for open dumping from \$500 per offense to \$1,500 for a first offense and \$3,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

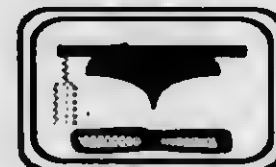
"Our office has received

numerous complaints concerning illegal dumping including in the vicinity of our forest preserves. This activity cannot be tolerated because it both pollutes our landscape and is expensive for our local governments to clean up," O'Malley said. "Sharply increasing these fines will make people think twice about illegal dumping."

The 18th District Senator says open dumping is the source of a lot of headaches for residents and community officials.

The fines will be deposited into the environmental

House Bill 2011 will become law when signed by Gov. George Ryan.



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By David R. Sayre

As a new feature of this publication, we will be discussing investment products, concepts, and strategies. In addition, we will be addressing some of the myths surrounding investing, and giving our readers the opportunity to learn more about their finances. After 17 years in the Financial Services industry, I am of the strong belief that most investors should work with a competent, patient, and knowledgeable professional with the "serious" portion of their investment portfolio. What I mean by "Serious Money" is the money that has to be there for our retirement, provide for our children's education, or possibly for the care of our elderly parents. Don't you agree that these are "serious" concerns? I cannot dispute the availability of "free advice" and internet trading, however, in real life most of us are well served to search out a professional that can assist us in achieving our long term financial goals. I am constantly amazed that we will tip our waiter/waitress 10-20% for serving a meal and filling our water glass, but when it comes to hiring some of the brightest minds in the financial industry for 2, 3 or 4%, most people cannot see the long term value. Whether you are retired and concerned with preserving your nest egg and passing it onto your heirs, or you are a younger investor just getting started, I hope this column can provide you with the information and motivation necessary to achieve whatever goals and dreams you have in mind.

Next Issue: Goals- Why They Work and Why We Need Them

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National Senior Health and Fitness Day slated on May 26

May 26 is National Senior Health and Fitness Day, designed to increase awareness of the benefits of regular exercise programs for older adults and to encourage all older adults to participate in health and fitness programs offered in their communities. Activities suggested: health screenings, low-impact exercises, and country "line dancing" — all of which are available at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

To make appointments for blood pressure or diabetes screening, or for information regarding exercise programs, please phone 422-8776.

Men and women age 40 and over can use the Activity Center, 3228 W. 98th St., during time slots allotted to OCS.

To use the gym, you must register with OCS. Phone 422-8776 for further information.

Radogno bill requiring newborn hearing screening passes Senate

Newborns with hearing problems could have a better chance for a more normal life, under legislation sponsored by State Sen. Christine Radogno that passed the Illinois Senate recently.

House Bill 596 received unanimous approval from the Illinois Senate. It requires hospitals to conduct hearing screenings on all newborn infants before discharge.

"It is estimated that 500 infants with significant hearing loss are born in this state each year, but only 20 percent of those are identified within the first six months of life," said Radogno. "If hearing problems are detected early enough, treatment could help the child develop normal language skills."

"There is also an economic advantage. A child who has normal language skills requires less special educational costs," said Radogno. "This inexpensive and effective intervention plan will prevent long-term special educational costs and at the same time help the child have an improved quality of life."

Hospitals that perform deliveries would be required to conduct hearing screenings beginning Dec. 31, 2002. All positive results would be reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health registry to ensure follow-up services.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) would be required to organize a

hearing screening advisory committee to oversee the implementation of the screening program.

Currently, a voluntary newborn hearing screening program has been implemented by DHS. This legislation will help the department more quickly achieve the goal of screening at least 95 percent of newborns for hearing loss.

The measure goes to the Governor for his action.

Cancer Support Center

Two new support groups will begin meeting on a monthly basis at the Cancer Support Center. The first, a Breast Cancer Networking Group, will meet the first Wednesday of each month. The current "For Women Only" support group will continue to meet on a weekly basis.

"Bone Marrow Transplant/Stem Cell Group" will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

Both new groups require registration, and the center encourages persons interested to call the center and arrange for a personal introductory and planning session with one of the program staff. The center has a full complement of psychological, social work and counseling staff experienced in working with people diagnosed with cancer and their families.

For registration and information, please call the center at 708-798-9171.

Measure making hospital inspections, complaints public passes Senate

Hospital inspection and complaint records would be disclosed to consumers for the first time in more than 30 years through legislation sponsored by State Sen. Christine Radogno that passed the Illinois Senate.

The measure - House Bill 423 - allows state investigators to release inspection reports and requires hospitals to make those reports available to the public.

"This is similar legislation to a measure we passed through the Senate back in March, allowing disclosure of investigated hospital complaints and inspections to patients," Radogno said. "There is currently a gag clause prohibiting state hospital inspectors from disclos-

ing complaints and investigations that unfortunately keeps patients from making an educated decision about which hospital to choose."

"In a day and age where consumers research the products they buy and the services they receive, it is only fair that they are fully aware of the record of their hospital," Radogno said.

The measure requires hospitals to make licensing information complaint procedures, complaints filed and inspection reports available to the public for review.

The bill, receiving approval from both the House of Representatives and Senate, now goes to the Governor for his action.

OCS sponsor blood drive

The Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street, will sponsor the annual blood drive on Saturday, June 26, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

If you will give blood, please phone 422-8776. Save time and make an appointment, because a confidential pre-screen questionnaire is required. Also, you must bring your ID to the blood drive. Your ID must have your given name plus one of these: birth date, social security number.



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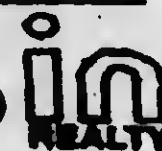
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



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Some of The single dwelling homes on 65th street

Keslin's Korner

By Lee J Keslin

**Hey Midway Noise Commish
Ya fergot dis street.....And
deese houses**

In a highly touted announcement

The Midway Noise Commission boss Lisa Eilers announced the sound proofing of 300 homes in the Clearing-Garfield Ridge area. Among the streets listed in their announcement is the following: 54th (5500W block only) 54th pl (5800W block), 55th (5800-26W only), 56st (56-5700W block) 57st (5600W), W63rd Pl (54-55-56-5700)W 63rd st (5400-5500) W64th Pl (5700Wblock) W 64st (56-5700W block) Austin(5200 W) Central 5400-6100W), Keating, Kilpatrick (6100 - 6200W) LaCrosse, Lamon, Laporte, (6300-6400 south block only)LaVergne 6300 block only South, Linder, Lotus, Luna,(5400S)Mason (51-5300S), Massasoit (51-5500S), Mayfield (51-5300S), Menard (51-5400S), Monitor (51-5300S), Parkside (51-5600 S,61 6200 S)

Did anyone see 65th street? What about the houses along Central between 63rd and 65th? Nuttin, Zero, Zilch, Eppis.

The problem along 65th street on the Chicago side is that when former alderman Madryzk (pronounced Madrick) came along with his rezoning this area which is a mixture of small factories, businesses, and homes the city council in its infinite wisdom despite the concerns of the Clearing Civic League and area business voiced at the rezoning hearing the council gave the area a blanket rezoning; light manufacturing, commercial.

The council rammed the change through with only one dissenting vote that of Larry Bloom 5th who unfortunately is himself now in the slammer (whether he and Madryzk are cell mates is conjecture) but the Central and 65th areas now contend with that rezoning.

It would appear that the powers that be used the zoning map to set up the sound proofing program and did not view the area as it actually is.

There will be only 300 homes that will be soundproofed this year. Homes and apartments that have been skipped are that ones that get the brunt of the racket caused by noisey aircraft. That figure does not compare favorably with what is going on at O'Hare, and pales in comparison with San Francisco which reported in The Village View earlier was 23,000. Combined with last year the total for the Midway area would be 600, once completed.

The 300 will be drawn by a lottery and only those homes affected with a decible rate of 80 dbis or over are to be given a ballot which they are to submit. There is a range of choices on soundproofing a home owner will be given and the lottery is to take place May 19th. The offer is to owners of single dwelling units only.

St Jane School Board Elections May 15th 16th

Elections for the St Jane School Board will be held to fill end of term members this mid May Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th after masse at 5252S Austin

Balloting is open to parishioners 18 years of age and older. For further information call Ken Nowicki at 585-6161

Clearing Post 600 American Legion

will hold its regular first Thursday meeting of the month meeting at post hall 4532 W 63rd (Kostner) at 8 pm. The May 6th meeting will feature discussion on future entertainment plans

Clearing Post is one of the oldest Legion Posts on the SW side.

Free Trees

The city of Chicago is offering trees for the parkway

Property owners can register for this service by calling the Mayors Hot Line at 312-744-5000

Hale Park program for pre schoolers

Story time for pre schoolers ages 3 to 4 will be conducted starting May 14th from 10:30 am to 11:30 am the program will run until June 11th at the park field house located at 6258 W 62nd

"Fun and Games" for pre schoolers for ages 4 to 5 years of age takes place 10 to 11am every Monday and

Wednesday starting May 10th through June 9th For registration call 313-747-6168

Other Hale Park Programs

Youth Tennis sessions will begin Wednesday May 12th from 4:45 to 5:45pm and will last until June 9th. Open to ages from 9 to 12.

Track for youths ages 8 through 15 will meet 3:30 to 4:30 Wednesdays and Fridays starting May 12th these meets are scheduled to end June 10th

Co-Rec softball open to ages 11-14 will be held Thursdays from 4:45 to 5:45 beginning May 11 and will last until June 10th

For information on these and other programs call 312-747-6168

Attention Organizations

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Two Brothers Need Small Apartment

Forced to move because of building sale. The two senior citizens on limited incomes one with a physical disability are seeking an apartment in the Clearing area. The older brother is very handy and will do repairs etc for adjusted rent Call (Lee) at 773-582-1842 have furnishings "garden apt" fine.

Clearing United Methodist Moms

will be holding a mothers and daughters dinner May 10th.

Tickets are \$3.50 for daughters under 10, and \$7. for adults for further information call the church office at 773-767-2133

St Syms Altar & Rosary Society

will be holding its annual Spring Banquet May 4th at Niko's Restaurant.

Dinner will begin at 6:30pm with a cash bar afterward. Tickets are \$15 per person for information call Helen at 586-5838

St Rene Altar & Rosary Installation Dinner May 4th

will be held at Chateau D'Amour 6955 W 79th.

Officers to be installed are President Eileen Healy, Vice President, Marge Powell, Treasurer, LaVerne Kappel, Recording Secretary, Betty Piccione, and Corresponding Secretary, Helen Frank.

Dinner which begins at 6:30 includes among other food items; main courses of ham, Polish sausage, pasta, with music provided by Eddie Karsoa Jr. Tickets are \$20 each

For further information call Eileen at 773-586-0618

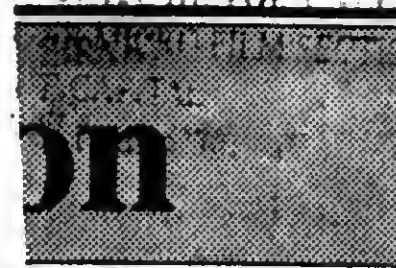
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Chicago Ridge Village Board Meeting -

By Jude Coyle

Mayor Eugene L. Siegel called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Deputy Clerk Marlene Burgin called roll. Trustees James S. Saunoris, Juanita A. Babcock, Maureen P. Socha, George A. Ryniak and Daniel Badon were present. Attorney George Witeous arrived later. Trustee Larry Grove had resigned from the Chicago Ridge Village Board when he and his family moved from the village. He has been asked to continue with the Municipal Complex project.

Mayor Siegel asked for a resolution to honor Donna Beneturski on her retirement from the police department on May 7, 1999. Donna worked for Continental Can for 30 years, worked part-time for the police department until April 23, 1979 when she was employed full time. She is an avid bingo player and enjoys spending time on the river boat casinos. She will be presented with the resolution in May along with a rocking chair.

The results of the April 4, 1999 Consolidated Election follows: Village Trustees for full four year terms, Juanita A. Babcock, 1104 votes; Daniel A. Badon, 1163 votes; Donald F. Prall, 1138 votes; George Schleyer, 598 votes. Library trustees, full 6 year terms: Marleen Mrozek, 1272 votes; Bernadette M. Machen, 1201 votes; Darin L. Widmer, 1109 votes. Unexpired four year terms: Roger W. Meslar, 1244 votes. Trustee unexpired 2 year term: Peggy Gardener (write in), 13 votes. They will be sworn in at the next meeting.

The board granted approval for the Third Annual Block Party at 110th and Mansfield. They also gave approval to the V.F.W. to hold Poppy Days on May 21 and 22.

Jack Lind of the Public Works Department reported that last year's 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program will be continued at the same price.

The fire department is selling a 1969 Mack Fire Engine and will take bids. The board approved the purchase of five Motorola radios at a cost of \$3,045 for the fire department.

An ordinance will be prepared to restrict parking on the west side of Frontage Road between 97th and 98th. This is located near the bridge on Harlem.

The mayor is encouraging the board to proceed with the program placing defibrillators in squad cars. He had hoped that Chicago Ridge would be the first in this area to initiate this program, but was edged out by Tinley Park. Fire Chief Randy Grossi is checking into the number of fours required to train on the defibrillators, and Attorney Witeous is checking into liability. The mayor feels that if one life is saved by this program, than it is well worth the price.

Anne Zickus named state director for women in government

Women in Government (WIG), a national organization of women leaders, has selected State Rep. Anne Zickus as their new State Director of Illinois. "Based on your leadership record within the State Legislature you have proven yourself to be a valuable candidate for this State director position," said Joy Newton, the Executive Director of WIG. "We are excited by the prospect of working closely with you into the new millennium."

"It is an honor to be recognized by an organization that works to ensure effective public policy," said Rep. Zickus, (R-48, Palos Hills). "Not only does WIG provide support for women in state government, but also is an excellent resource for all legislators to open lines of communication concerning vital state issues."

The village agreed to contract Dave Rudolph to provide children's entertainment at Ridge Fest this year.

A directive requiring all police officer candidates to hold a two year degree in criminal justice or a four year degree in a related field was tabled. Attorney Witeous has checked into whether this is constitutional, or can be considered discrimination. He reports that it is not. He feels that the candidate who holds a degree demonstrates the ability to attain academic achievement. Trustee Badon feels that the requirement should be 60 credit hours rather than a degree.

The mayor read statics on James Michael Jones, who plays on the first string offensive line for Notre Dame. He is 6'3", 310 lbs., his favorite class is Food, his hardest class is Statistics, and he is a life long resident of Chicago Ridge.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, at 7 p.m.



Senator O'Malley explains the bills that are before the general assembly

Photo by Annette Dixon

Senator Patrick O'Malley converses with Byril Sanders, resident of Palos Park. Alsip acquiring a Post Office was an issue. Sen. O'Malley stated petitions and letters need to be addressed to Federal offices. Immunizations (SB 823) is in debate in the committee, the hearing is postponed until May 21. Sex offenders (SB 7) was discussed along with Child Support bill (SB 469) which calls for interest at the rate of 9% per years to be added to a child-support obligation, or any portion of a support obligation, that is more than 30 days overdue.

state priorities and should be addressed at nation wide roundtables.

"Rep. Anne Zickus is an excellent choice as State Director because Women in government is often programmed around family and health issues, areas in which Anne is very familiar," said Rep. Wojcik. "She will also help strengthen the link between Illinois and Washington, D.C."

Rep. Zickus' past legislative achievements include increases in funding for schools; support of the Truth-in-Sentencing Act; and ending drive-through deliveries. She is currently leading the effort to reduce gun violence through the sponsorship of Governor Ryan's 15-20-25 to Life proposal.

Palos Hills Park Department News

8455 W. 103rd Street - (708) 430-4500

Summer Camp Registration is being taken at Palos Hills Park Department 8455 W. 103rd St. Full Day Camp for ages 6 - 14 years, will run from June 21 through August 6, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Half Day Camp for ages 6 - 10 years and Tot Camp for ages 3 - 5 years will run June 21 through August 6, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Tot Camp will offer two and three day options.

A trip to the Art Institute will take place on Tuesday, May 11. The bus leaves the park department at 9:45 a.m.

and returns at 5 p.m. The fee for residents is \$15.00, non-residents is \$20.00 (lunch is on your own).

On Wednesday, May 26, take a trip to the Lighthouse Place Mall in Michigan City, Indiana. Get some great bargains at well-known manufactures outlets and visit the many new shops that have been added. The trip leaves the park department at 9 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. Fee for residents is \$20.00, nonresidents is \$25.000 (fee covers bus transportation only, lunch is on your own).

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Suspect sought in liquor store robbery and double homicide

By: F.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn police released the names and photographs of two men wanted for questioning in the armed robbery and double homicide at the Extra Value Liquor Store during a Sunday afternoon press conference.

Ricardo L. Harris, 34, Male Black, 6'00," 180 lbs, black hair, brown eyes is wanted for escape out of Genesee County, Michigan. Harris' brother Roderick, 30, who was also sought for questioning, has since surrendered to authorities in Flint, Michigan.

Ricardo Harris may be driving a blue 1991 Cadillac Fleetwood, 4 door, Michigan license plate #RFZ 651 or a white newer model Buick Skylark. Active warrants are on file in Michigan for both subjects and caution is urged as Harris is considered armed and dangerous.

The latest description resulted from a tip by a resident at the Aloha Hotel, 85th & Cicero, Chicago, where the two men stayed four days prior to the robbery.

The informant called the Oak Lawn police soon after the release of a revised composite drawing of one of the suspects, noting a man matching the description attempted to sell him a .40 handgun, which was the same caliber believed to be used in the

Extra Value murders.

According to Oak Lawn police chief James Houk, a man described as a Black Male, approximately 40 years old having a "lazy right eye" entered the Extra Value Liquor Store, 9030 S. Cicero Ave. around 7:20 p.m. Thursday, May 14th.

Houk portrayed a brutal scenario where store manager Dipak Patel, 40, of Burbank was shot at the cash register of the store; a trail of blood led to the rear of the building where he was discovered. A store clerk, Ambalal Patel, 35, of Cicero was also shot, along with two female customers who lived in Oak Lawn.

Both men were pronounced dead at Christ Hospital. One of the female customers has been released from the hospital following surgery, while the other remains in critical condition.

Houk theorized that the men had been in prison and shot the subjects "point blank, without questions, without provocation...to eliminate them as witnesses."

Houk further stated a total of 20 investigators from Oak Lawn, the Chicago Police Dept. and the Illinois State Police are working on the case.

Cook County Crime Stoppers has offered a \$1,000. reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the

two individuals involved in the shootings. A \$1,000. reward was also offered by the owner of the liquor store.

Anyone with information can call 1-800-535 STOP anytime, any day. Callers with information can remain anonymous. A "code number" will be given so a follow up on the case progress and reward can be made.

In attempting to down play reports of widespread criminal activity along Cicero Ave., Chief Houk explained Dominoes Pizza was held up at knifepoint and the offenders have been apprehended and are serving time in the penitentiary.

A similar robbery of Service Merchandise was "an inside job" involving two employees and two gang members. All have been captured by the police.

Houk did confirm two suspects have been arrested in what was believed to be an attempted robbery of the Red Lobster restaurant at 95th & Southwest Hwy. Two semi-automatic handguns were recovered when their vehicle was pulled over at 104th & Harding.

The liquor store did not have a video surveillance camera and Chief Houk stated the victims did not possess a weapon within the shop for self defense.



Ricardo L. Harris



Homestead exemption bill sent to governor

Owners of new homes would be eligible for the state's homestead exemption immediately upon completion through legislation sponsored by State Sen. Christine Radogno that is headed to the governor's desk.

The measure (Senate Bill 34) brings the homestead exemption on line for a new home the same time taxes begin to be assessed.

"Property taxes are assessed on new homes at the time of completion but a

homeowner cannot claim the homestead exemption until the next year," said Radogno. "Because this obviously is not fair to the homeowner, we have sent legislation to the governor allowing the exemption to take effect immediately upon completion of the home."

The homestead exemption offers a reduction in a home's assessed value equal to the increase in assessed value since the 1977 tax year. The maximum exemp-

tion is \$4,500 in Cook County and applies only to principal residences.

"A home could be completed by the end of June, making the homeowner liable for one-half of the year's property taxes," Radogno said. "This bill would allow the homeowner to claim the homestead exemption at the same time, providing property tax relief."

The House of Representatives approved the measure. It now goes to the governor for further action.

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Oak Lawn Board of Trustees Meetings - May 11, 1999

By: F.J. Soczek

A gentle spring rain seemed to enhance rather than hinder the enthusiasm and fraternal solidarity of several dozen Oak Lawn municipal employees carrying signs and walking a picket line outside the Village Hall Tuesday night.

In a flyer passed out under the auspices of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees branch of the AFL-CIO, it was stated the "Village of Oak Lawn Officials are intending to layoff your municipal workforce in favor of private contractors."

The tract further suggested "Oak Lawn municipal employees are now and always have been...here to work everyday for you...private contractors are not accountable to voters, but trustees are..." and urged those concerned to contact their local elected official.

According to Mr. Al Drantz, Staff Representative of AFSCME Council 31, Chicago, "the bargaining unit employees, who include office and clerical, as well as public works members, are an integral link to the business cycle of the community...they live, shop and pay taxes in Oak Lawn."

Many members of the picketing group filed silently into the Village

Hall where the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting was being conducted. Standing mute against the rear wall, they passively asserted their presence without comment or criticism.

It should be noted the Village recently entered into an agreement with a private contractor, McAdam Landscaping to perform "landscape maintenance" services at a rate of \$27.00 per hour, per person for "cleanup type work" on Village property. Village employees have in the past performed similar tasks on municipal owned property.

Last summer, over one month after a heavy windstorm was sustained by the Village, Engineer Lynn Krauss issued a memo urging work for the "immediate" removal of "dangerous" materials be awarded to a private contractor in the estimated amount of \$150-200,000. The September memo suggested haste was necessary to complete the work "prior to the onset of winter weather."

Public Works employees normally perform such work.

The above matters were unanimously approved by the Village Board without question or comment.

In an Orwellian twist of irony, while the Oak Lawn laborers and clerical workers walked in the rain to protect their jobs,

Village Manager Joseph Faber locked in a guaranteed, legally binding contract (unanimously approved by the Village Board) that would secure his \$86,500. per year job until April 24, 2001.

Bundled with the package is a "golden parachute" or severance package that will require the Village to pay him 9 months salary or \$64,875. cash, unused sick/vacation time, along with 9 months of medical benefits should the Village no longer require his services.

One sole resident, Andy Skoundrianos, inquired about the specifics of Faber's contract and was told he could obtain the details after it was approved by the Board.

Christine Maguire, Angela Rizzuto and Joseph Schmidt were sworn in as Oak Lawn police officers.

In a flashback to the tumultuous meetings of days passed, Trustee Wm. Keane fired a verbal fusillade at Trustee Bob Streit, questioning the latter's lengthy re-election oratory in which Streit took credit for a multitude of Village improvements.

The symbolic olive branch of unity extended at the previous meeting appeared to have once again snapped under the intransigent strain of partisan politics and personal aggrandizement.

In the wake of the recent Colorado school shooting

aberration and despite the fact over 40,000 laws currently exist in the United States that regulate firearms, Trustee Ron Stancik requested the Village Attorneys to draft additional restrictive gun ordinances for the Village of Oak Lawn.

Trustee Robt. Streit praised the Oak Lawn police for their much publicized capture of "a large amount of weapons." Despite the latter seizure, no charges were filed by the police for unlawful or improper use of firearms.

Trustee Marjorie Joy announced an Educational Summit meeting is scheduled for May 20 and also requested signs to slow down traffic in the Oakdale neighborhood because of excessive dust created by new sewer construction. Joy also urged placement of a stoplight adjacent Acorn Glen on 111th St.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum reiterated awareness of ongoing traffic problems at 95th & Cicero. Motorists frequently take "shortcuts" through residential blocks in the vicinity of the problem intersection, much to the chagrin of local residents. Professional analysis, barricades and public protest appear to have done little to alleviate the difficulties.

Rosenbaum announced a district meeting will be held Tuesday, June 1st, 8:00 p.m. at the Salem Church, 97th & Kostner. A police K-9 demonstration is planned.

A parking variance was granted for J.J. Peppers convenience store and related properties at 6757 W. 95th St. A dry cleaners and pizza restaurant are also planned on this site.

With unanimous Board approval, the Village of Oak Lawn entered into an agreement with Metricom, Inc. for the installation of small transmitting units to be installed on 71 utility or street poles in the Village.

The transmitters will be utilized for wireless digital data communications, with the Village receiving \$60.00 per year for each of the units, plus one per cent of the subscription service fees charged by Metricom to its customers.

Transportation department releases road projects for coming year

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) unveiled its year 2000 road construction plan recently, noting seven projects in the 24th District scheduled for work this coming year, according to State Sen. Christine Radogno.

"These are IDOT's projects for this coming fiscal year," said Radogno. "According to IDOT, these projects are not dependent upon the governor's proposed infrastructure program that he introduced this week. These are the continuing efforts to maintain our roads and bridges with existing revenues in the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget."

"If the governor's program is approved by the legislature, many more projects could be added to the list," Radogno said. "This program will be evaluated and considered by the General Assembly in the remaining few weeks of the spring session."

The LaGrange Senator said the projects totaling more than \$183 million are welcome improvements to maintain the important transportation infrastructure in the area.

"Any time we can improve our roadways, we are ensuring that the infrastructure will continue to serve us for many years to come,"

said Radogno. "Many people do not realize the value of our roads: transportation for families to and from work and school, a route for hauling goods to our grocery stores, and a vital corridor for shipping products from our factories."

The largest project planned for Radogno's district is a \$180 million improvement to the Stevenson expressway from the Tri-State Tollway to the Dan Ryan Expressway. The project includes road reconstruction, bridge reconstruction and rehabilitation, resurfacing and construction engineering over a 14 mile area.

Radogno measures passes

House of Representatives

Legislation improving the notification of crime victims and improving sever penalties for illegally transferring guns, sponsored by state Sen. Christine Radogno, are on their way to the governor's desk. Several of the LaGrange Senator's were approved by the House of Representatives recently.

Senate Bill 753 helps the Attorney General establish a statewide notification system with other public officials and agencies to improve the current local victim's notification system.

"Right now, it is hard to notify victims from county to county with the local notification system," said Radogno. "This new system would utilize state, county, and local police in notifying victims, regardless of where they live, that their attacker has been released from prison."

Senate Bill 234 addresses the practice known as 'straw purchasing' — the illegal transfer of firearms to a person who is prohibited from possessing a gun. The bill establishes penalties for a person who intentionally purchases a gun with the intent to deliver that weapon to a prohibited person.

Penalties for purchasing a gun with the intent to deliver it to someone prohibited by state or federal law from possessing one could be charged with up to a Class X felony, punishable by up to 60 years in prison. The bill also prohibits a person from providing false information and imposes a \$25,000 fine per violation.

Other Radogno measures approved by the House include:

Minors on the Internet (SB 94) - Raises the charges from a misde-

meanor to a felony for anyone who sends electronic mail or uses the Internet to solicit or portray a sexual act with a minor.

Commonwealth Edison rolling blackouts (SB 206) - Allows a municipality to require by ordinance that ComEd files its planned interruption plans for peak usage days.

Domestic violence (SB 483) - Makes domestic battery or a violation of an order of protection a Class 4 felony if the defendant has any prior conviction for felony battery against a family or household member.

Recycled products (SB 967) - Creates the Recycled Contents Products Task Force to study and assess the existing market for products using recycled materials.

The measures now go to the governor for his action.

Palos Heights Meeting

Kearney's give up fight

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Palos Heights City Council Meeting of May 2, the board tabled an ordinance to vacate a 17 foot wide strip of the 50 foot right-of-way along the east side of the 76th Avenue between 127th and 135th Streets. The ordinance was proposed after Michael and Rhonda Kearney requested last year to replace a fence and shed which sit on the right-of-way.

Since a long battle with Mayor Koldenhoven and the board, Kearney has decided to repair the fence and shed because he does not need to have a permit to do so rather than build a new one.

At the meeting was a celebration of the Women's Club "Mayor for a Day" contest. Twelve students were picked to act as city officials, for one day, after writing essays.

The winners were Megan Whitney, of Independence Junior High School, sitting in for Mayor Dean Koldenhoven; Lisa

Fredericks, of Independence, sitting in for Treasurer Frank Oswald; Ted Land, of Independence, sitting in for City Clerk Marsha Fisher; Jonathan Figaro, of Incarnation School, sitting in for Attorney Tom Brown; Katie Doran of St. Alexander School, sitting in for Alderman Corsi; Brendon Bigan, of St. Alexander, sitting in for Alderman Murphy; Daniel Eyer, of Incarnation, sitting in for Alderman Bob Donnick; Mary Pat Lee, of Independence, sitting in for Alderman Frank Passarelli; Amy Munin of Palos Middle School, sitting in for Alderman Alan Fulkerson; Lauren Kriendermann, of Independence, sitting in for Alderman Van Henkelum; Meg Dugan, of St. Alexander, sitting in for Alderman Healy; and Brian Cadore, of St. Alexander, sitting in for Alderman Art Phillips.

The road program for 1999 is about to take effect according to Van Henkelum

and acting Alderman Kriedemann. The roads to be repaired are 125th Street from 76th Avenue to Harlem Avenue, 127th Street north to the end, 127th Street from McCarthy Road to Palos Park, 71st Court, from College Drive to 125th Street, 126th Place at Ridgeland Avenue, Winnebago Road, Shawnee Road, Richard Avenue from College Drive to 127th Street, and 122nd Street at Ridgeland Avenue.

The meeting was successfully ran and there were many comical moments as alderman whispered comments to the students. During the citizen portion of the meeting, one resident spoke out saying, "I like to see this type of participation at future meetings. We all live in Palos Heights. I come to these meetings each week and it is usually just myself and a group of reporters."

The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, May 16.

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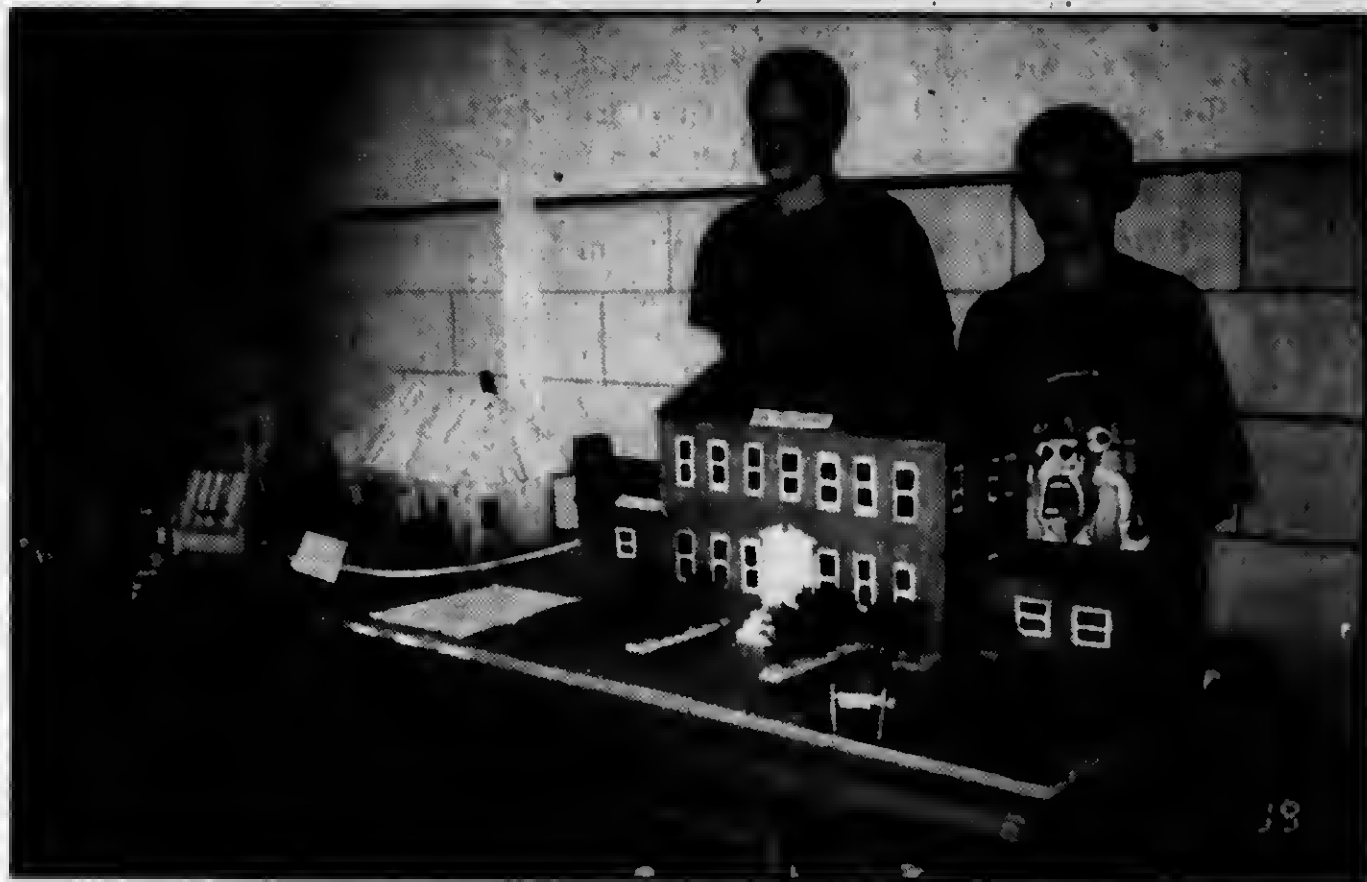
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A school project becomes fun for a Burbank school



Left to right: Patrick King and Justin Strutzenberg

By Annette Dixon

During Easter break a fifth grade class at Luther Burbank School, on 83rd and Linder in Burbank worked independently on a Social

Studies project.

Terrence O'Brien's Social Studies 5th grade class was studying territory and colonizing. There were pictures,

discussions, and text regarding the Spanish Mission, New England Colony and Southern Plantation.

Each person in Mr.

O'Brien's class and Ms. Armstrong's class were asked to pick an art project they would prefer to do. The picture of the village and surrounding area was accessible to them.

They made their projects from popsicle sticks, Styrofoam, wood, stones, clay, grass, glue, brick, etc.

They had two weeks during Easter break to complete the project. The request is if they receive parental guidance, they were to watch and report what their parent did.

Patrick King and Justin Strutzenberg said their parents cut the wood and their joint project was a southern plantation.

Kelly Klein from Ms. Armstrong's 5th grade class made a replica of a New England Mill, with Styrofoam her mother had around the house. She even



Kelly Klein

found stones and glued them onto the sides of the mill. She then painted the brick effect on the side of the

Styrofoam. Very clever Kelly and also well done to the boys and girls whose picture I was unable to take!

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Senate Week in Review

Increasing penalties for people who fire guns in schools and cracking down on those who provide guns to minors are the aim of several bills approved by lawmakers this week, according to State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

The bills are part of Attorney General Jim Ryan's "Safe to Learn" plan, which was introduced on Feb. 24 in response to increasing concerns about guns and violence in schools. O'Malley said less than two months later, the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, confirmed the worst fears about guns in schools.

Juveniles who are at least 15 years old will be excluded from the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court if the minors are charged with aggravated battery with a firearm committed in or near a school. Senate Bill 759 also requests transfer from Juvenile Court for a minor 15 or older who is charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm in or near a school.

Passed March 25 by the Senate and May 4 by the House of Representatives, Senate Bill 759 will become law when signed by Gov. George Ryan.

Also this week, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed legislation that upgrades felony penalties for knowingly firing a gun into an occupied building or in a school or on school property. Those convicted could face 6 to 30 years behind bars. House Bill 1195 also makes it a Class 3 felony (2 to 5 years behind bars) to sell or give any gun to a person younger than 21 who has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense. Selling or giving a gun that can be concealed to anyone younger than 18 would be a Class 2 felony (3 to 7 years).

House Bill 1195 now goes to the full Senate for further consideration.

In other gun-safety related legislation, the Senate approved a measure to broaden the state's current gun tracing law to include all guns recovered by police. Current law requires police to trace the origin of any guns recovered from people younger than 21 years old who are not entitled to possess a gun under state or federal law. Already approved by the House of Representatives, House Bill 76 is on its way to the governor.

Lawmakers also got their

first look at and began reviewing Gov. Ryan's sweeping public works program this week.

The governor unveiled his five-year, \$12 billion "Illinois FIRST" plan May 4 to a joint session of the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives. Illinois FIRST - an acronym for Fund for Infrastructure, Roads, Schools & Transit - will rebuild and expand the state's roads and highways, renovate mass transit systems, repair and enlarge schools and meet other needs of local communities, such as sewer and water projects.

To finance "Illinois FIRST" the public should be aware that Gov. Ryan is asking for \$621 million in new revenues from the state's vehicle registration fees for automobiles, light trucks and large trucks, the state's vehicle title transfer fee, and the state's tax on alcoholic beverages.

In other business, the Senate approved legislation establishing a state Day of Prayer. House Bill 1953 designates the first Thursday in May as a "Day of Prayer" in Illinois. Citizens would be urged to observe the day in ways they deem appropriate. A National Day of Prayer

was first enacted by President Harry Truman in 1952. In 1988, Congress passed and President Ronald Reagan signed a bill setting aside the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer.

House Bill 1953, already approved March 19 by the House of Representatives, now goes to the governor for further consideration.

Legislation that has passed both Senate and House of Representatives and is on its way to the governor includes:

CRIME

Kidnapping, Hostage Assessment (SB 867) - Allows police to eavesdrop on or record conversations with kidnappers or hostage takers, helping police size up the volatility of the situation.

Drunk Driving (SB 740) - Allows local law enforcement agencies to tack on an additional \$100 fine for any drunk driver they stop who is ultimately convicted. The \$100 fine can be used by the law enforcement agency to purchase equipment that will help them catch more drunk drivers.

Prior Convictions (HB 1764) - Increases the penalties for anyone convicted of theft of property less than \$300 who has a prior conviction for forgery, unlawful use of credit or debit cards, or possession of a stolen or converted motor vehicle.

Sex Offenders (SB 729) - Requires a sex offender to notify school officials when they enter school property during classes or school functions.

Tollway Scofflaws (SB 1033) - Suspends the driver's license and/or ve-

hide registration of anyone who fails to pay fines for five or more toll evasions.

Hearsay Statements (HB 41) - Permits hearsay statements from dead witnesses to be admitted into evidence if the statements meet certain conditions and are not covered by other hearsay exceptions. Aims to deter defendants from intimidating or murdering witnesses.

EDUCATION

College Grants (SB 462) - Increases the state's Monetary Award Program grant from \$4,320 to \$4,530 for full-time students.

University Centers (SB 536) - Allows counties to appropriate and transfer money to a nonprofit corporation to buy land and build a county university center, provided the center has been approved by the Board of Higher Education.

HEALTH

Cancer Information (SB 466) - Directs the Department of Public Health to promote a national toll-free telephone service that offers people recent scientific information about cancer.

Dental Choice (SB 721) - Gives patients and dentists fairness and choice under dental managed care plans. Protects patients' rights, keeps patients well-informed, allows patients emergency care, and allows patients to choose their own dentists.

Organ Donation (HB 2783) - Prohibits any hospital, physician, surgeon, organ bank, or storage facility from determining the ultimate recipient of an anatomical gift based on a recipient's physical or mental disability.

MISCELLANEOUS

Homestead Exemption (SB 34) - Allows homeowners to claim the state's homestead tax exemption for a new home the same time taxes begin to be assessed.

Personal Information (HB 70) - Bars correctional inmates who perform data entry work from having access to an individual's personal information.

Categorical funding (HB 5) - Fully funds the categorical grant lines that reimburse school districts for educating special education students, certain programs and meals for low-income students. In prior years, the state only reimbursed schools for 60-80 percent of their costs for the programs covered.

Diesel exhaust (HB 2031) - Requires diesel-powered trucks weighing more than 8,000 pounds to be subject to the state's vehicle emissions inspection program.

Illegal Dumping (HB 251) - Requires a judge to impose a minimum fine of \$500 in addition to cleanup and disposal costs. Those convicted also face time behind bars up to six months for a first offense, up to one year for a second offense, and up to three years for subsequent offenses.

Nursing Assistants (HB 279) - Directs the Department of Public Health to conduct a study to determine how to attract nurses assistants to work in Illinois' long-term care facilities. Based on the conclusions of the study, the department would implement an incentive program by Jan. 1, 2001.

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By Kathy Whirly

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Time stands still for no one, and no one knows that better than the mother of a teenage daughter.

For you, tonight will be a night that dreams are made of, an evening dedicated to friendships of the heart.

I can still smell the delicate scent of your cologne as it mingles with a childhood that brings to mind just how many memories we've shared. My little girl is gone, in her place a charming young woman who is definitely on her way. For me this is just one of the many moments where a mother realizes the lessons of letting go, but it's not easy.

We give our daughters wings, and then quietly say our prayers that they won't crash land along life's journey of growing up. It's nights like these that gently remind a mother that her little girl is definitely heading towards adulthood.

Tonight, you'll dance the night away with the handsome young man who has captivated your heart. I'll fill my evening with sweet recollection of a darling daughter, whose life has given mine reason to swell with pride. And in my heart will forever be etched, the vision of beauty in a gown of pink satin that has given me reason to say: My dear daughter, how wonderful you look tonight.

REMEMBER OUR HEROES



Robert Kuenster (right) is shown with Senator Patrick O'Malley (center) and Mark Wojack, another recipient.

Robert Kuenster receives Good Scout Award

Robert Kuenster, owner of Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home in Oak Lawn, received the Good Scout Award for 1999 from the

Forest District Boy Scouts Council. Kuenster was honored for his commitment to the Boy Scouts and his leadership in many local chari-

ties. Mark Wojack, Branch president of the First National Bank of Blue Island in Alsip also received the Good Scout Award.

Social Security trust funds gain two additional years of solvency

By Rosalie Thompson
Social Security Field Office Manager

The Social Security Board of Trustees announced in their 1999 annual report that the long-range projections of the Social Security trust funds have improved by two years over last year's report. Under the new projections, the Social Security trust fund assets will be depleted in 2034 rather than 2032 as predicted last year.

According to the trustees, improvement in the financial condition of the trust funds is the result of continued strong economic growth resulting in reduced unemployment, higher wages and low inflation. In addition, recent adjustments made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to improve the measurement of the Consumer Price Index were a contributing factor.

As they did last year, the trustees urged legislature action in the immediate future to restore long-term balance to Social Security.

"We welcome these favorable developments for Social Security and Medicare. Nonetheless, the need to put these programs on sound financial footing for the long term must still be met," said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. "We should move forward on a bipartisan basis to finish the job by using the surpluses to pay down

the national debt and substantially extend the exhaustion date of the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds."

"Social Security must remain a rock solid benefit that current and future retirees can count on. Today's good news must not lull us into complacency," commented Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner of Social Security. "We should not just celebrate today's prosperity, but use it to meet the challenges of the future. We cannot rest until we are able to meet our commitments to our youngest workers. Social Security must be on firm financial footing when they retire. By acting sooner rather than later, in good economic times, we can make gradual changes to the system that will allow people time to plan adequately for their retirement years. If we have the courage to make the thoughtful decisions for Social Security now, we will strengthen Social Security for future generations of Americans."

In his State of the Union

Address, President Clinton proposed transferring 62 percent of the budget surpluses (\$2.8 trillion) to Social Security over the next 15 years and investing about 20 percent of the transferred surpluses in private markets to earn a better rate of return. To achieve a 75-year actuarial balance in the trust funds, the president called on Congress to work with him on a bipartisan basis to make the decisions necessary to strengthen the Social Security program.

The 1999 annual report also indicates that in 2014, trust fund expenditures will begin to exceed tax revenues, a year later than estimated in 1998. Beginning in 2022, trust fund assets will be drawn down to pay benefits until exhaustion in 2034. At that time, tax revenues will be sufficient to pay only 71 percent of benefit obligations. Over the 75 year long-range actuarial forecast, the projected actuarial balance is a deficit of 2.07 percent of taxable payroll, compared to 2.19 percent projected in 1998.

In its 59th Report to the Congress, the trustees also reported the following:

- The Old-Age and Survivors, and Disability Insurance Trust Funds paid benefits amounting to 375 billion in 1998, and there were 44.2 million beneficiaries on the rolls at the end of 1998. In 1998, an estimated 148 million people worked in jobs covered by Social Security.

- Income to the combined trust funds amounted to \$489.2 billion in 1998 and expenditures were \$382.3 billion, increasing the assets of the combined funds by \$106.9 billion to \$762.5 billion at the end of December 1998;

- Interest earnings on the invested assets of the combined trust funds were \$49.3 billion, representing an effective annual interest rate of 7.2 percent. The average interest rate on new securities purchased was 5.6 percent; and

- Administrative expenses were \$3.5 billion, or about 0.9 percent of benefit payments for the year.



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St. Rita's SADD reaches out to community

Recently, St. Rita of Cascia High School's chapter of SADD - Students Against Destructive Decisions - traveled to Wal-Mart at 76th and Cicero for a community outreach project. Several members of SADD

Elim Preschool taking registrations

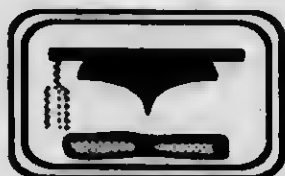
Elim Preschool located at 10835 S. Pulaski Road has openings for 4 year olds. They are taking registrations for September '99. The child must be 4 years old by September '99. Registration fee is \$35 (nonrefundable) plus a birth certificate. Call the preschool for further details at 773/239-2396.

stood at the doorways of the Wal-Mart store and distributed over 500 pieces of literature concerning issues of drunk driving and alcohol and drug abuse.

Two years ago, Wal-Mart invited SADD chapters, then Students Against Drunk Driving, from St. Rita and other area high schools to make this type of contact with its customers in the hope of inspiring people to make better, safe decisions. At that time, about four high schools took turns each month greeting people in the store, passing out anti-drunk driving leaflets and brochures. This year, only St. Rita continues to participate. "I told the students (members of SADD) that we would be the only school there," explained club mod-

erator Dr. Mike Kisicki, "but they still wanted to do it. They said that this service to the community was very important, and they felt a strong sense in pride in being the only school in the area to continue this service. I'm very proud of their dedication!"

This was St. Rita's last visit for this school year; they had visited Wal-Mart several times earlier in the year. All total this year, St. Rita SADD members have distributed over 2,000 pieces of literature. And if Wal-Mart wishes to continue the program, St. Rita will be there again next year.



St. Rita SADD members set up an information table at a Wal-Mart store at 76th & Cicero. Sitting: Dr. Mike Kisicki, St. Rita teacher, assistant principal and SADD club moderator and Ed Murrillo, vice president. Standing: Ed O'Farrell, Raul Andrade, and Jason O'Brien.

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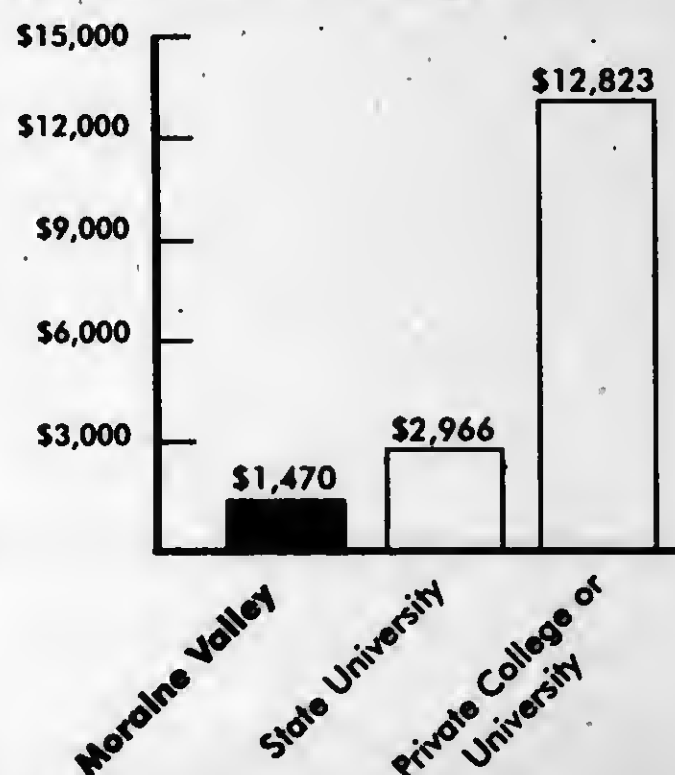
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Resolution passed to honor Little Company

Recently, State Rep. James Brosnahan, D-Evergreen Park presented Little Company Hospital and Health Care Centers' President Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M. with a resolution passed by the state legislature recognizing Little Company as the site of the world's first successful human organ transplant. The resolution was passed to complement National Organ Donation week April 19-23.

The resolution honors the first successful kidney transplant which was performed by Drs. Richard Lawler, James West, and Raymond Murphy on Ruth Tucker, 44, on June 17, 1950. Remarkably, this first-of-its kind transplant was successful despite the fact that anti-rejection drugs were not available at the time.

Rep. Brosnahan, who was born at Little Company, read the resolution aloud to a crowd of hospital employees and well-wishers, who applauded enthusiastically in celebration of this historic event. The late Dr. Richard Lawler's daughter, Chris Lawler Nagle was present, and was very moved by the honor. "I feel very proud to be a part of this presentation today," she said. "My father's courage has made it possible to save many lives. I am truly honored by this recognition."

Little Company will again be honored by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White in a presentation Wednesday, May 19 at 10 a.m. at the hospital for this historic achievement, and its contribution to the organ donor program which has saved many lives in Illinois, as well as the world over.

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Personal Nutrition Counseling is open to adults, teens and children and consists of an initial session with follow-up. All sessions are scheduled at your convenience. Additional sessions may be purchased. Cost varies based on complexity of medical condition.

For more information, call the Outpatient Nutritional Office at (708) 923-4145.

...About women's Health

• **Heart disease** is the leading cause of death in older women. Women who have heart attacks are more than twice as likely as men to die from them within the first year. After age 50, women develop and die from heart disease at a rate equal to men.

• **Cancer** is the second leading cause of death in women. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death behind lung cancer. Only 53 percent of Illinois women over age 50 reported ever having a mammogram in 1994.

• **Stroke** is the third leading cause of death for old women and kills more than 85,000 women each year in the United States.

• **Osteoporosis** - Four out of five victims of osteoporosis are women and are often not diagnosed until after a fracture occurs. Women are a higher risk due to lower bone mass and loss of estrogen at menopause.

• **Elder Abuse** - Older women are more likely to be victims of elder abuse than men. Seventy-one percent of the victims are women, and the average age of a victim is 78.8 years.

• **Mental Health** - Depression is not a normal part of the aging process - it's a medical illness that requires medical attention. Older women are twice as likely as men to experience depression; one in seven women will suffer from depression during her lifetime, but nearly two-thirds will not seek help.

• **Urinary Incontinence** - Women aged 60 years and older are twice as likely as men to suffer from incontinence. Fifty percent of all women will experience incontinence at some point in their lives, and one-third develop a regular problem.

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Symphony finale to feature talented teens

Three talented teens headline the season finale concert of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, May 22.

The three winners of the annual Youth Concerto Competition, will perform with the orchestra in Moraine Valley Community College's Dorothy Menker Theater, 10900 S. 88th Ave. Concert time is 8 p.m.

"Scheherazade," Rimsky-Korsakov's brilliant orchestral interpretation of "Arabian Nights," will complete the program.

Once again this year, the symphony-sponsored competition offered a piano division and Kira Alvarez of Chicago won the \$500 prize. He will play the first movement of Ravel's Piano Concerto in G.

Violinist Sherry Hong of Naperville won the \$500 first prize in the instrumental division for her performance of Julius Conus' Concerto in E Minor. Winning the \$200 runner-up award is Andrea Bianchi of Downers Grove, who will play an orchestration of the Poulenc

Sonata for Flute.

Both of these last two works are concert-hall rarities, notes David L. Crane, the symphony's music director, who will conduct. Thus, the concert will serve the dual purpose of introducing the young soloists and their repertoire to the audience.

Concert tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students and may be ordered by phoning Southwest Symphony at 708-802-0686.



Pictured (left to right): Sara Eastwood-Mclean Publisher, *Limousine & Chauffeured Transportation Magazine*; John M. Sokol President, *Ritz Limousine*; Ty F. Bobit, President & CEO, *Limousine & Chauffeured Transportation Magazine*.

Local limousine company awarded industries' highest honor

John M. Sokol of LaGrange, Illinois and President of Ritz Limousine was recently awarded "Operator of the Year" and voted the "#1 Limousine Service in America" by *Limousine and Chauffeured Transportation Magazine*, the leading publication for the limousine industry. Mr. Sokol was awarded this honor at the National Limousine Association's convention at the Grand Hyatt in New York City. The award is based on industry involvement, innovative services, dedicated customer rela-

tions, chauffeur and office staff training and safety records.

Mr. Sokol is the incoming President of the Illinois Limousine Association and is on the Board of Directors of the National Limousine Association. Last November *Limousine Digest*, another industry publication, awarded Mr. Sokol "Most Dedicated Association Member/Leader". Ritz Limousine is enrolled in the National Chauffeured Transportation Certification Program, the first-ever Limousine Industry Safety Pro-

gram that was developed in conjunction with the National Safety Council. This program includes intense chauffeur training, drug and alcohol testing, a vehicle maintenance program and fulfillment of all federal, state and local requirements. The program is part of Ritz Limousine's and the industries' continuing effort to assure the public that limousines are a safe, affordable mode of transportation. Ritz Limousine has been serving the South Suburbs area since 1990.

Writer, Guest Speaker



Kathy Whirity, writer of the "Kathy's Kaleidoscope" column, will be the guest speaker for the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society on Monday, May 24, at 6:45 p.m. at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago. Whirity will

read from a collection of published writings taken from "Journey of the Mind" and "Echoes from the Silence". A poem written especially for the occasion, "Mt. Greenwood Memories", will be debuted. Admission is free. Bring the whole family!

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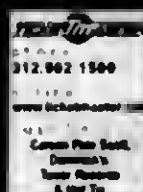
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Comedy Night at Second City

The Beverly Family Center is pleased to announce its Spring Fund raiser, A Comedy Night at the Second City ETC., to be held on Thursday, May 27th at 7 p.m. Take someone special out for a night downtown, or come with a group of friends to laugh your cares away and help the BFC. Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance at Borders Books, 2210 W. 95th Street or by calling 773-779-1230. Reservations for the free charter bus from the Beverly area can be made by contacting the Center.

The purpose of this event is to help the BFC continue its unique program for families with children from birth through age five. Since 1977, this drop-in center has provided a preschool-type environment for children and a few hours of adult conversation for the stay-at-home parent.

The Center is open Monday - Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Travel

Traveling out west is overwhelming, but comfortable

by Annette Dixon

Traveling alone can be exciting and if a tour or itinerary is in place, then the trip should be encouraged. Several means of transportation can be used within the trip out west.

Southwest Airlines is a great airline when you are a senior, for they have a discounted program at age 65. Your destination could be Seattle, WA. If you have not visited the space needle or you need to visit a city with industry, big business, a stadium, Emerald Downs, Puget Sound, Mt. Rainier, or Mt. St. Helens can be your answer.

For only \$27 from Seattle to Portland, Oregon, less if you're a senior, you can travel to the city of roses. The scenery is spectacular with Mt. Shasta, and Mt. St. Helens in the background.

Once you are in the train depot, Portland's depot is similar to a country depot with country hospitality. A taxi fare will be anywhere between \$5 and \$10 to a major downtown hotel.

If it's the elegant, spacious, all amenities, and entertaining hotel you are looking for, call the Benson at 503-228-2000. This historic hotel is within walking distance to many downtown attractions and the MAX (Metropolitan Area Express).

When President Bill Clinton is in Portland, he prefers to stay at this hotel. When Chicagoans think of class, we think of the Drake Hotel for traditional and elegant amenities and atmosphere. The Benson has the resemblance of the Drake, but in a small scale. You can check the Benson Hotel website at www.citysearch.com/pdx/bensonhotel.

If you subscribe to The Entertainment Half Price Hotel Card, The Benson will accept it when they are at 80% or less occupancy.

Portland is city friendly. It offers free transportation for everyone in the downtown district, which en-

compasses a 300 block square. Walking can also be fun because in all of Portland, one city block equals a half of a Chicago block.

Surprisingly, downtown Portland is the neatest, cleanliest, well planned city within the west. They are the first city to recycle and promote segregating paper, plastic and aluminum products.

When walking becomes tiring for only \$1.40 one way, traveling can take place with only four zones on the bus or MAX. Portland uses the honor system, but if you ever get caught not paying, there could be a \$250 fine. Trains arrive at seven minute intervals and the longest interval is 15 minutes. Seniors can ride all day for 50 cents.

There are two types of transportation called TRI-MET and the MAX. The MAX is an electric underground train and ground level transportation system. It is highly recommended for the people are courteous, the trains are neat and the scenery is great. You need not be afraid of missing a stop for the conductor will mention each stop and also when you complete each zone. There is no excuse for missing the cultural events in this city.

The Oregon Zoo, which is in the center of Washington Park is accessible from the MAX, but it will require some walking. There is a railroad train which will take you around the park, but in order to see the African Rain Forest or The Great Northwest, you need to walk to each exhibit within the compound of each section of the zoo.

If you need to know more information regarding the zoo or other places of interest, contact the Oregon Visitor Association at their toll free number 1-877-678-5263.

The most fascinating aspect of the zoo is the scenic Washington Park. The surrounding area of beautiful forests and the Rose Test Gardens, along with the



Oregon Zoo

Japanese Gardens, is a must for a full day of sightseeing.

On the second day, the tranquil gardens in upper Washington Park includes five traditional gardens within the Japanese Garden. They are authentic and considered the best outside of Japan.

Portland has a museum of Science and Industry which is a hands on exhibit and also considered the nation's fifth largest science

museum.

Masterpieces of the famous Stroganoff collection will be in exhibit in February of the year 2000. Portland is one of four cities which will have this exhibit, for the Hermitage in Russia, the Louvre in Paris, are just two of the four cities included, but the Portland Art Museum is proud to host this 250 collection.

MY FAIR LADY was the special show at the Oregon Symphony in May. The

season ends in June, but starts again in September. Past performances have featured talented performers such as Van Clyburn, Itzhak Perlman, Randy Newman, and James Taylor.

Enjoy Oregon's history by visiting exhibits which explain Oregon's past and present at the Oregon History Center.

Remember, by shopping in Portland, you will not pay sales tax and that's a relief.

A favorite place to eat, which was larger than I anticipated was Southpark Seafood Grill and Wine Bar. It was downtown and it offers more than Seafood on the menu. The restaurant was immaculate and



Oregon History center



Southpark Seafood

the service impeccably great. The food was well prepared and quite tasty. Enjoy elegance at moderate prices at Southpark, 901 SW Salmon St., Portland, Oregon.

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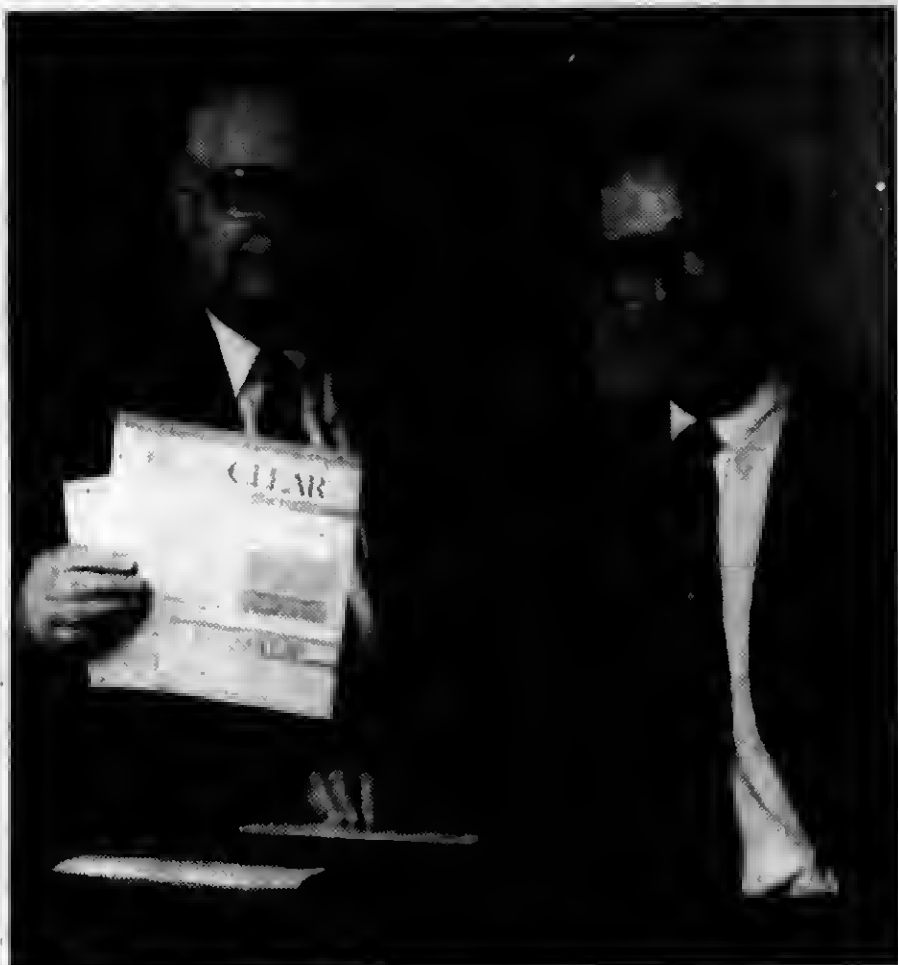


Entrance into the Oregon Zoo



TECHNOLOGY

Market National Bank's launches "Free & Clear" Home Equity Program



Left to right: John Mahoney, Vice President of Home Equity Department and Mark Miller, Consumer Loan Manager, Free & Clear - Home Equity Program

Recently, Marquette National Bank announced a unique, new home equity program for homeowners

allows mortgage-free homeowners to borrow up to 80% of their home value, with a maximum loan of \$250,000. The homeowner may use the money for any purpose, a new car, a vacation getaway, remodeling or even for a college education.

Even if homeowners have a mortgage on their property, they can qualify for this program. Marquette National Bank can payoff the first mortgage, and open a Free & Clear Home Equity Loan or Line of Credit.

Marquette believes this type of program is a first in the Chicago area because it rewards the "free and clear" homeowner with a lower interest rate on a home equity loan or line than traditional loans. For instance, a five year fixed rate, Free &

Clear home equity loan as of April 12, 1999 was 7.00% APR (Annual Percentage Rate) - typically .75% lower than other home equity loans. Terms are available for up to 15 years at slightly higher rates.

Unlike traditional Home Equity loans and lines, Marquette's Free & Clear Home Equity program requires no up-front fees and in most cases, the interest may be tax deductible. (The bank encourages homeowners to consult with their tax advisors regarding tax deductibility of interest.)

For additional information, homeowners can contact John Mahoney at (708) 873-6288 or stop by any of the 16 locations throughout Chicagoland's south and southwest areas.

It's your Money...

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

By David R. Sayre

As a new feature of this publication, we will be discussing investment products, concepts, and strategies. In addition, we will be addressing some of the myths surrounding investing, and giving our readers the opportunity to learn more about their finances. After 17 years in the Financial Services industry, I am of the strong belief that most investors should work with a competent, patient, and knowledgeable professional with the "serious" portion of their investment portfolio. What I mean by "Serious Money" is the money that has to be there for our retirement, provide for our children's education, or possibly for the care of our elderly parents. Don't you agree that these are "serious" concerns? I cannot dispute the availability of "free advice" and internet trading, however, in real life most of us are well served to search out a professional that can assist us in achieving our long term financial goals. I am constantly amazed that we will tip our waiter/waitress 10-20% for serving a meal and filling our water glass, but when it comes to hiring some of the brightest minds in the financial industry for 2, 3 or 4%, most people cannot see the long term value. Whether you are retired and concerned with preserving your nest egg and passing it onto your heirs, or you are a younger investor just getting started, I hope this column can provide you with the information and motivation necessary to achieve whatever goals and dreams you have in mind.

Next Issue: Goals- Why They Work and Why We Need Them

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Contracts Awarded for Health Center Remodeling

Contracts for a project to be financed by funds obtained in a grant from the Illinois Capital Development Board have been awarded by the Stickney Township Board of Trustees. The contracts, totaling \$418,622, will provide for the reroofing and renovation of the Health Center at 5625 State Road, Burbank.

The following contracts, representing the low bids in each instance, were

awarded: General/roofing, American Building Systems of Illinois, Sugar Grove, IL, \$352,200; Electrical Power & Systems, Alsip, \$45,496; Ski-Dan Plumbing Co., Alsip, \$20,926. John Victor Frega & Associates, of Chicago, are the architects.

The building was constructed in 1947 and had its last major addition in 1975. Its flat roof construction has been expensive to maintain and has allowed many wa-

ter leaks to the building interior. The heating/ventilation and air conditioning systems are very old, dating back to 1955, require frequent repair, are becoming increasingly expensive to maintain, and are in need of replacement.

The work will include reroofing of a sloped buildup metal roof system over the existing flat roof and construction of a new skylight canopy and atrium at the

south entrance.

Existing mechanical units will be replaced with new roof top units. Existing roof mounted lighting will be replaced with new lighting. The lower level will be remodeled and there will be new toilet facilities for boys and girls. The existing brick chimney will be removed, and the existing masonry walls, concrete panels, columns and fascias will be cleaned and tuckpointed.

Spring prices higher than last year

Gasoline prices in May are almost seven cents higher than a year ago, says the AAA-Chicago Motor Club. However, gasoline prices are stable compared to last month.

Motorists in Illinois and Northern Indiana now are paying an average of \$1.231 per gallon for all grades (regular, mid-grade and pre-

mium), down slightly from the April price of \$1.243. In May 1998, the territory-wide average was \$1.185.

In Chicago and Cook County, a gallon of self-serve unleaded regular now averages \$1.249. This price is up .01 cent from last month and is currently 6.6 cents higher than the 1998

Memorial Day travel trends up

The Memorial Day weekend may be a busy one for travelers in the Midwest, according to the AAA-Chicago Motor Club.

A pre-holiday travel survey shows that records 33.3 million Americans are expected to travel over the holiday weekend. This is a 4% increase over Memorial Day 1998.

In the Great Lakes states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, 4.3 million persons are expected to travel by automobile, up 10% over Memorial Day 1998.

The increase in travel projections for the holiday is being attributed to consumer confidence in a stable U.S. economy

SET programs help small business

Wondering what kind of job you'll have when you graduate? Thinking about changing your present job? For increasing numbers of people these days, the answer to your career questions may lie in self-employment.

For the Spring/Summer trimester, Governors State University's Small Business Development Center is offering a number of courses for the potential independent entrepreneur, including a five-session program in Self-Employment Training, or SET.

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components offer an excellent overview of the various facets of small business management:

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O'Malley's Laser Bill approved by lawmakers

Illinois lawmakers have unanimously approved legislation sponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) that calls for criminal penalties for anyone who intentionally misuses a laser device, particularly by aiming it at a police officer.

Senate Bill 845 creates a new offense of aiming a laser pointer at a peace officer. The bill makes it a Class A misdemeanor (up to a year behind bars, up to \$2,500 fine) to knowingly shine or flash a laser device at a person who is known or reasonably should be known to be a peace officer.

The 18th District Senator

says a Blue Island police officer felt his life was threatened when he noticed a laser beam on him just a week-and-a-half after an officer in Chicago was killed in January by a criminal whose firearm had a laser gunsight. O'Malley says the Blue Island officer apprehended a young man using a laser pointer.

"The beams from laser pointers can be easily mistaken for the beams from laser gunsights, which can lead to tragic consequences if a pointer is aimed at a police officer. Law enforcement personnel are trained to react quickly if they feel their lives are being threat-

ened," O'Malley said. "Fortunately, in the Blue Island case, no such tragedy occurred." Firing or discharging a laser gunsight near or in the immediate vicinity of any person is defined as aggravated assault with Class 4 felony penalties (1-3 years behind bars, up to \$25,000 fine). Shining or flashing a laser gunsight directly on a person is aggravated battery with Class 3 felony penalties (2-5 years behind bars, up to \$25,000 fine).

Senate Bill 845 will become law when signed by Gov. George Ryan.



Taking a break from painting and cleaning are, back row, l-r: Liz Dunneback (Chicago), Spence, Mary Dignan (Chicago), Kim Windhab (Chicago), Eileen Recchia (Evergreen Park), Laura Lukasik (Palos Heights), Erin Malloy (Evergreen Park). Front row, l-r: Lynn Ryan (Chicago), Shannon McMahon (Lockport), Emily Springer (South Holland) and Lavita Scott (Chicago).

Statement from Secretary of State Jesse White

I commend Governor Ryan for taking the initiative in presenting the Illinois FIRST proposal to the Illinois General Assembly, but I must take strong exception to his proposal to double the cost of automobile registration fees and quadruple the

cost of vehicle titles.

I disagree with the initiative's funding mechanism, which places a special burden on Illinois motorists. In a state with a surplus of over \$1 billion, there must be other options that can be addressed by the General

Assembly to fund the Governor's plan.

I pledge to work on behalf of Illinois drivers to oppose these fee increases and work with Governor Ryan and the legislative leaders to find alternative options.

College praises Golden Apple Scholars

Three of the state's Golden Apple Scholarship winners are products of the Daley College. Upward Bound program, announced Dr. Mark Warden, Interim President of Daley College. The three winners are Salvador Venegas (Curie High School), Margarita Contreras (Curie High School), and Grace Gallegos (Farragut High School). These three are among only 75 students receiving these awards statewide. Winners were selected from among more than 1,000 top students recommended by teachers and high schools.

"We are exceptionally proud of these students," noted Warden. "In becoming Golden Apple Scholars, the students have been recognized as among the best and brightest students in the state. The scholarships and

other support they receive will enable them to become fine teachers in the public schools. We congratulate our Daley College staff, including Dean Jose Rivers, Assistant Dean Esther Lopez, and Acting Director of Upward Bound, Regina Armour, for the excellence of the Upward Bound program.

The Golden Apple Scholars are bright and talented high school students interested in teaching careers.

The Upward Bound Program is one of several Daley College programs for high-achieving students, including a summer program for high school students in science and mathematics. Daley offer full tuition, merit-based scholarships for students with excellent high school records. For information call (773) 838-7599.

Wasilewski to address N.A.R.F.E.

Judge John A. Wasilewski, the Supervising Judge of the Felony Trial Section in the 6th Municipal District in Markham, will speak before the N.A.R.F.E. #1106, Wednesday, May 19 at 10 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Police Station, 9446 S. Raymond.

Ruth Orloff, coordinator, announced that Wasilewski will share his expertise on the court system.

Judge Wasilewski has presided over thousands of felony cases including first degree murder and death penalty cases. He is a former Assistant States Attorney where he served as Deputy Supervisor of the 1st Judicial District covering the city of Chicago. Wasilewski is a graduate of DePaul University and received his law degree from Northern Illinois University College of Law.

McAuley students service minded

Spring break for ten McAuley seniors was not a trip to Cancun or Padre Island. These students traveled to Battle Creek, Michigan, to work! Leaving on Easter Sunday and returning the following Friday, the McAuley students joined efforts with a group of young men from Marist High

School to assist in Habitat for Humanity.

During the day, the students put the finishing touches on a house that will be dedicated in late June. Students painted, stripped windows and cleaned the floors so carpeting could be installed. Moderator of Mother McAuley's Mercy

Corps Mary Clare Lynch said, "The seniors also took a moment to sign the underside of a ceiling tile so that their names would be forever etched in the house they helped create." The young women also worked in a soup kitchen, serving lunch before returning home.

Moore addresses senior organization

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, spoke before the 23rd Ward Senior Organization recently at the V.F.W. Hall located at 5858 S. Archer.

Ted Brandsness, coordinator, announced that Moore explained the workings of the Recorder of Deeds office and services available to Cook County residents.

Mr. Moore served with distinction for four terms as Illinois State Representative. He has also been very active in civic affairs over the years. The Cook County Board recently approved a resolution that he should fill the vacant seat of Jesse White, who was elected Illinois Secretary of State.

Lipinski awards winners of history quiz

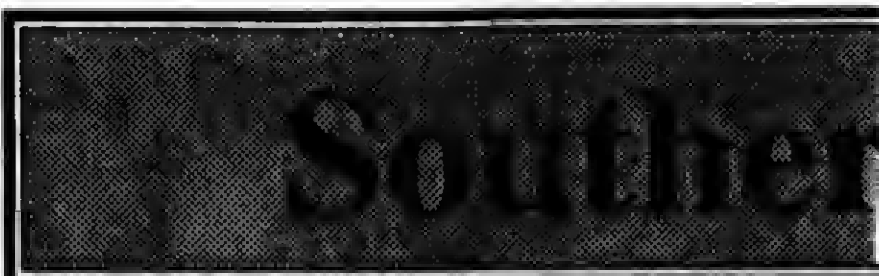
Congressman Bill Lipinski is pleased to announce the following winners of his World War II History Quiz: For the seventh grade level: 1st place - Gill Stevens. (Hinsdale Middle School) of Hinsdale, 2nd place - Samuel Lin, (Southwest Christian School) of Tinley Park, 3rd place - Jon Waterlander, (Southwest Christian School) of Palos Heights. In the eighth grade level: 1st place - Nikolas Allen, (Lenart School) of Chicago, 2nd place - Robert Logisz, (St. Bruno) of Chicago, 3rd place - Ray Abunada, (Central Middle School) of Tinley Park.

The six winners received plaques, with first place winners receiving \$100 savings bonds, and second place winners receiving \$50 savings bonds. All students who

participated received certificates and accumulated points in Rep. Lipinski's 1999 All-American Eagles program. The student, who accumulates the most points after the three events, will win the 1999 Eagles program, and receive a \$500 savings bond.

The final event in the 1999 Eagles program will be the World War II Artwork competition, on Saturday, May 15th at 10:30 a.m., at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall on 9514 S. 52nd Ave., in Oak Lawn. The competition is open to seventh and eighth grade students who live or attend school in the Third District. For more details about the contest, please contact Tom Carney of Rep. Lipinski's staff at (312) 886-0481.

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Worth Board Meeting - May 4, 1999

By Jude Coyle

Mayor James Bilder called the Village Board Committee Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Patricia Miller called the roll. Trustees Mark Meany, Sharon Wierenga, Frank Bonham, John O'Connell, Edward Guzdziol and Attorney Burt Odelson were present. Trustee Georgia Duffy did not attend.

The mayor reported that the Ribbon Cutting ceremony and opening weekend at the Water's Edge Golf Course was a success.

Mayor Bilder asked the board to confirm the following appointments effective until May 2, 2002.

Deputy Mayor

Frank Bonham

Chief of Police

Frank Gilbert

Deputy Chief of Police

James Hudson

Fire Chief

Jack Wesselhoff

Building Commissioner

Joseph Johnson

Superintendent of Public Works

Wayne Demonbreun

Public Works Foreman

Michael Pearl

Village Attorney

Odelson & Sterk

(Burt Odelson)

Village Prosecutor

Odelson & Sterk

(Donna McDonald)

Village Treasurer

Steve Sola

Village Engineers

Robinson Engineering

(Chandra Trivedi)

Village Auditors

McGladry & Pullen

Trustee Guzdziol moved that the list not be added to the Consent Agenda, but that the names be voted on individually.

Trustee Meany asked that the board approve the expenditure of \$2,683 for a new sign for the Water's Edge Recreational Facility. The sign will include the logos of

the golf course, boat ramp, playing fields and driving range. The old sign will be moved to the entrance of the golf course. This was added to the Consent Agenda.

Trustees Wierenga asked that the board grant Worth Ice Cream Shoppe at 11401 S. Harlem a business license. She asked that they approve a change in ownership for Worth Snack Shop at 6948 W. 111th Street and Bob's Golf at 6723 W. 111th Street. Avanti Fine Furniture has asked for a permit to hold their annual tent sale June 16 through July 6. Grant money for the boat ramp is due within 90 days. She asked that the village seek a bridge loan from Founders Bank in the amount of \$395,000, to cover payments to vendors until then. All items were added to the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Bonham asked for \$6,200 to be used to purchase 18 radios and upgrade seven for the Police Department. The total will come to \$14,600. The amount of \$4,200 will come from a grant, and \$4,200 will come from the Lions Club. Mr. Bonham also asked that the board approve Southwest Dispatch's monthly service charge of \$13,600. These items were added to the Consent Agenda.

Attorney Odelson asked the board to approve a refund for outstanding bonds issued to pay for the con-

struction of the golf course. Buying new bonds at lower interest rates, will save thousands. This was added to the Consent Agenda also.

The Committee Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. The Board Meeting began at 8:15. Mayor Bilder swore Clerk Pat Miller into office. Mrs. Miller swore in trustees Wierenga, O'Connell and Guzdziol. All had been reelected in last month's election. The Consent Agenda was presented to the board and approved.

Next, the board approved the list of appointments with the exception of a few names. On the issue of Trustee Bonham's appointment as Deputy Mayor, Trustees Guzdziol and Wierenga said that the disapproved of the position and not Mr. Bonham. A vote was called the approved three for and two against. On the issue of the Deputy Chief of Police, Trustee Guzdziol repeated his objection. The vote was called and again carried. On the issue of the attorney and prosecutor, Mr. Guzdziol pointed out that fees charged by Odelson and Sterk have nearly doubled since last year. Mr. Odelson indicated that fees have increased because of extra work created by litigations and negotiations with the Metropolitan Water and Reclamation District and the Golf Course. He reminded the board that the fees charged by Down-

town firms are higher, and that no one has questioned his opinions. The vote was called. Trustees Wierenga, O'Connell and Guzdziol voted against the appointments. Mayor Bilder said the vote would be called

again when Trustee Duffy was present. He also told the board that Mr. Odelson will remain Village Attorney until he presented them with another name. Last, Mrs. Miller asked for approval of Joyce Koester

as Deputy Village Clerk. That was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 1999.

Palos Hills Meeting

Zayed gets "Benefit of Doubt" from Bennett

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Palos Hills City Council Meeting of May 6, Mayor Bennett nixed two tickets given to Miriam Zayed who ran for last months school board election saying he was giving her the "benefit of the doubt" that she was never notified of the violations.

Zayed received two tickets for placing political signs in public easements. During her campaign she claimed she was never notified. Zayed lost the election.

Bennett felt that attempts were made to contact Zayed but, he said she deserved the "benefit of the doubt" that she may not of received the letter.

Last week Ray Hannia, her campaign manager, accused the city of only ticketing Zayed because she is an Arab-American. After Bennett's decision he said, "This is a major step on the city's part and it is greatly appreciated. I hope we can move on from here in a positive way."

On Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. The city council wishes to extend an invitation to all residents for the dedication to the pro-shop. Alderman Galante, (5th Ward) donated the building for the pro-shop last year. In-house construc-

tion on the golf cart storage structure is underway.

There is a petition for a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. The petitioners are David and Loretta Klob. The property is located at 10450 S. 75th Court. The property is 20,000 square feet. The request is for a variance to build an addition to the south side of a single family home. The variation is about 4%. The property is zoned R-1.

The Police Department Activity Report for the month of March '99 was as follows: eight assaults, four burglaries, 16 larceny thefts, and three motor thefts. There were 183 traffic citations issued, seven warrants issued. There were a total of seven formal complaints, all misdemeanors. There were a total of 599 parking citations issued.

There were three checks to the asset sharing account in the amounts of \$220.70, \$274.38, and \$3,123.32.

In regards to cutting down of trees for 103rd Street Roadway Plan, Mayor Bennett commented, "The county owns the easements where the trees are and can do what they want. We will try to replace as many trees

as possible. There were many problems on 103rd Street and we had to do something. There even was one death. I have lived here for 25 years and for every home put up we have had to take down trees. Progress takes place."

Residents who approached the council about the trees asked that the construction be delayed one month and an Echo study be done of the environment.

The Palos Hills Community Resource Department is holding a gigantic towel, linen sale. Twenty categories of linen and 900 sheet sets to select from. The sale will be at Conrady Junior High School Gym, on Friday, June 25th, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Curtains and panels will be sold at mill wholesale prices and there will be a large selection of household and automotive tools sold at 1/2 regular retail price levels. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Palos Hills Food Depository. For more information call 598-3400 extension 114.

The next city council meeting will be Thursday, May 20.

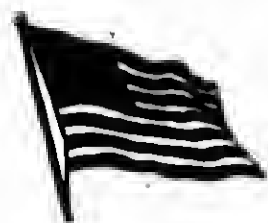
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A time to heal

By Frank Soczek

*To everything, there is a Season,
Turn, turn, turn.
And a time for every purpose under Heaven.*
Peter Seeger

*A time to be born, a time to die;
A time to plant, a time to reap;
A time to embrace, a time to refrain from embracing.*

A time to embrace. Yes. It is time. In the little town of Conyers, Georgia, a High School educator held close a trembling student who had just shot six of his classmates. The troubled teen, on the verge of taking his own life, broke down and wept. A cry for help was answered by a person who cared.

If only the teacher had arrived sooner... If only...
A time to build up, a time to break down;
Not long ago, eclipsed by the harsh glare of TV news cameras and impeccably coiffed anchor people, a similar cry for help was lost in the fleeting shadows that often follow fame. And misfortune.

A local teen had made some remarks perceived to be threatening. What teen (or adult, for that matter) has not uttered indelicate comments that he or she would later regret? Police were called and his home was searched. A "cache" of weapons was displayed before a multitude of network news cameras, called specifically to bear witness to the efficacy of their department.

A time to cast away stones; a time to gather stones together.

In another time, the incident would probably have turned out differently. The beat officer would have marched the offending youth home for a heart to heart talk with his parents. The dialog would have been one-way, to be sure, but the point would have been made. And a valuable lesson would have been learned.

A youth's life has been irrevocably damaged at the expense of a tawdry publicity maneuver. Without "traditional" due process of law (or perhaps young people do not qualify) his Firearm card was revoked based on evidence evinced by the judges and juries on Raymond Ave.

The "cache" of three hunting or target shooting firearms were locked and unloaded. And at home. There were no handguns. Or assault weapons. Or laser sights. The "fantasy" styled edged "weapons" appear to have been of the type used as props on the film set of *The Vikings*.

Had the former items been found in any other room of the house (they were allegedly discovered stored in the youth's bedroom,) the unfortunate outcome would have been different.
A time to build up, a time to break down.

The Oak Lawn police were lauded as heroes, displaying the spoils of their handiwork like warriors of Troy. (BATF is still

investigating whether the "Pike" battleaxe displayed by Lt. Smith may have been linked to the Trojan disturbance.)

Meanwhile, there remains somewhere in our community a young man who must hold his head down as he visits McDonalds. Or the mall. Or (God forbid) a learning institution that espouses tolerance and forgiveness.

Covert glances and secretive whispers follow his every move. He must now bear the mark of Cain endured by his forbear in the years B.C. (before Columbine)

Perhaps he even walks among us. On *our* street. Or *our* block. We can open our arms. Or gloat in the smug, self righteous satisfaction of knowing we have unduly prevailed over a fellow human being.

*A time of love, a time of hate;
A time of peace.
I swear it's not too late.*

Authors note:

The words in italics are part of the song *Turn! Turn! Turn! (BML)* written by Peter Seeger, adapted from the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament.

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Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers knows how important a support network is in dealing with grief. Support is especially important to family members and friends who are trying to come to grips with the loss of a loved one as the result of homicide.

In addition to recovering from the grief one feels from the death of a family member or friend, additional respite is needed to help deal with the violent nature of the death, the extra media attention it may garner, feelings of anger, and a multitude of other concerns. Survivors of Homicide Victims Support Group was instituted at Little Company nearly two

years ago to help survivors cope, find guidance, direction and healing in their life after the loss of their loved one from the violence of murder. The group's leader, Mary Bojda, whose 21 year old son, Jerrold, was murdered six years ago, found therapeutic help and healing through her advocacy for other parents of murdered children and loved ones.

Mary is certified by the National Office of Children of Murdered Children, Inc., to lead the group. The Little Company program is a Chapter of the National Office of Parents of Murdered Children.

Assisting Mary with the group is her husband, Marion and Joan Healy, a

former Little Company employee from security and the sister of Maureen Nolan, from Woman's Wellness, whose son was murdered 16 years ago.

Beginning in June, the Support Group will meet on the second Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at the hospital. It is not easy for families in such pain to reach out for help, but Mary often says to the newcomers, "The main thing is that you have to go it alone. You took the biggest step incoming here today."

For more information call the Pastoral Care Dept. 708-229-5480 or with Mary Bojda at 219-931-9606.

Power outage crisis

Evergreen Park residents who are on a Life Support System requiring electricity, please notify Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street. Your particular information will be entered into a computer system. This information will be made available to Little Company of Mary Hospital and Christ Hospital. In the event of a power failure, the information will assist in locating those in need of an emergency power source.

Reopening of 111th Street

On Wednesday, June 2, 111th Street from Central Avenue to Cicero Avenue will reopen to traffic. After June 2, there will be occasional daytime lane closure to complete landscaping, cleanup, and bridge painting.

The 111th Street improvement also includes the construction of a new railroad bridge, the installation of new street lights and storm sewers. According to Illinois Department of Transportation officials all work should be completed by the end of June.

Bridgeview Park District News

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Giant Garage Sale - Saturday, June 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wierzbna Park, 79th and Oketo - Registrations are being accepting from sellers through June 9th. The cost is \$8 per section for residents and \$15 for all others.

Over 40 families will be coming together to sell all of their valuable stuff at this community event. A variety of items including clothing, toys, household knick-knacks, tools, and baby furniture will be sold.

Family Gym Jam - Sunday, June 27 from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The program fee to participate in this activity which includes a pizza lunch, beverages, open gym play and games is \$12.00 for district family of up to five people and \$15 for non-district families. For each addition family member the cost is \$3.00 per person.

Preregister by June 21 and proof of residency is required.

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Nutrition Network announces contest winners

Oak Lawn Community Nutrition Network, located at 9420 S. 52nd Avenue, recently invited all participants to take part in a baking contest. Several contestants amazed judges with their baking skills.

While the decision was difficult, the judges awarded Helen Bender first prize for her banana split cake. Others who took part were Virginia Higgins, Loretta Burke, Shirley Bkina and Irma Wagner, and Sophie Leszko (not in picture).

Any senior, aged 60 and over is welcome to join the Community Nutrition Network for lunch and a variety of activities. Call Marie at (708) 422-5180 for more information about the nutrition site.



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DCFS recruiting foster parents

Jess McDonald, Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, challenged Illinois Families to make a difference in the lives of children by considering becoming a foster parent. "Foster parents are a critical part of a professional team that is frequently asked to make life changing decisions for an abused or neglected child," McDonald said.

"Our department is always in need of living, stable homes for children whose natural parents are not safely caring for them," said McDonald. "Today, the need for more people willing to take on that vital role is greater than ever before. We are not just looking for numbers. We are looking for the right match."

While noting the decline in the number of children in substitute care from a peak of 51,591 in March 1997 to its present level of approximately 42,000 children, ending two decades of growth that had seen substitute care numbers more than double, McDonald stressed that

DCFS still needs to recruit more foster homes, especially those for sibling groups, children with special needs, teen mothers with children, older children, and minority children.

Foster parent candidates can be either married couples or single persons, renters as well as homeowners. Those interested must attend training and pass both criminal and child abuse background checks. Foster parents receive a month allowance that covers the expenses of caring for each child placed into their home.

"The real reward of foster parenting, however, is the chance to make a difference in a child's life," McDonald said.

Those interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents can call the Foster Parent Hotline (800-624-KIDS) or the Adoption Information Center of Illinois (800-572-2390) for details. To report suspected child abuse or neglect, the public should call the DCFS Child Abuse Hotline (800-25-ABUSE).

Future looks bright for Scott Zierke

When 38 year-old Scott Zierke entered the hospital in February, he wasn't sure doctors could do anything for him. Suffering from cardiomyopathy since college, Scott had a severely weakened heart and failing mitral valve. He couldn't breathe when he laid down. He couldn't walk out to the mailbox. Working was out of the question. And, with a recent history of colon cancer, he was not a candidate for a heart transplant.

On Friday, May 7, Scott walked out of Christ Hospital a new man. Surgery to repair his mitral valve and nine weeks using a revolutionary ventricular assist device (VAD) called Thoratec - considered by some to be the next generation of artificial hearts - allowed Scott's heart to recover and saved his life. Now weaned from Thoratec, Scott walks 45 minutes daily on the treadmill, lifts weights and looks forward to getting his life back on track.

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Emergency Heat Plan

Evergreen Park senior citizens who experience problems coping with excessive heat are welcome to come to the air-conditioned Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street for relief. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Residents of the village, who observe any senior neighbors or friends needing assistance, to notify Ann Dykstra at the Office of Citizens' Services, 422-8776.

Our Lady of Loretto sponsors Grand Raffle

Our Lady of Loretto Parish is sponsoring a \$50,000 Grand Raffle as a major fund raiser this year. The drawing will be held on June 26, 1999, at Lorettofest. The ticket cost is \$100. Only 1,200 tickets will be sold. Winner need not be present. Anyone interested in buying or selling tickets can contact the Rectory office staff at 708-424-7471.



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For June 1999, **Psychic Predictions are for all Signs.** I use NumAstrology [I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight]! Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You cannot seem to get away from worrying, but, if you will just trust in a higher power, you will learn to relax and go with the flow. Money and health problems seem to fade and love is excellent and surely something to look forward to. B T and J aid.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If you can, try to set some money aside for a romantic trip. C and F may be involved this week and next. Never, never take love for granted. If you don't take care of your love, someone else can move right in. Take care of car repairs if needed.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Try to be more understanding of someone who seems hardly ever able to get things right. Perhaps they have a learning disability. You can make yourself miserable by assuming things. Get to the bottom of what is bothering you. N helps, ask!

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This is no time to be stubborn. You have an uncanny way of making people feel like intruders into your life. Lighten up, everyone needs help now and then and your time is now. Do some bill paying. See to dental needs. R and C involved and Leo.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: What can you think of to do something really nice for your mate? It will come to you, then do it! Also, do not worry so much about little things, or even big things you did in the past. Leave them in the past, let them go! J and R and Scorpio aid.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: There is a system to money management...a new budget will help! You could be taking a trip soon and will need some financial help. If you have an idea to get more education, do it, no matter what your age. F and G involved and a Sagittarian, too.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: A more sensual/sexual you is beginning to show, and people see this in you. This seems to be coupling with your aura of self-confidence and a lot better appearance. You seem ready to take on new challenges...so go ahead and take on that study! H and D help.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: The new insight you seem to possess is called the 6th sense by most people, but I call it the 7th sense, because everyone has 6 senses! Yours projects in dreams, or when meditating. Use this gift wisely, once you have it, it stays! K involved.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: It may seem like you have been slighted, but, you are actually better off for what happened in the past. Learn from it and use it to your advantage. Help comes, money comes and you seem much better off than ever before, because you change goals. J helps.

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Traffic Safety Hints

By Secretary of State Jesse White

In 1998, there were 35 people killed in bicycle-vehicle crashes in Illinois. Of those killed, 13 were under age 18. In 1999, there have already been seven bicyclists (26 to 79 year old) killed in vehicle-related crashes in Illinois. All bicyclists are advised to brush up on their bicycle safety skills and the rules of the road so they stay safe during the summer months ahead.

Q. What are the most important bicycle tips?

- A.**
- Obey stop signs and lights, and always observe the right-of-way laws.
 - Before crossing an intersection, look for cars and make eye contact with the driver to ensure that you have been seen. Use arm signals to let drivers know when you are turning.
 - When riding at night, in rain or fog, wear light colored or reflective clothing. Make sure your bike has a front light that shines up to 500 feet, and a red reflector in the rear that can be seen up to 500 feet.

Q. Should bicyclists ride in the same or opposite direction as other vehicles.

- A.** The law requires bicyclists to ride on the right side of the road and in the same direction as other traffic. They may also ride on sidewalks as long as they yield to pedestrians.

Christ Hospital offers presentation on Medicare + Choice

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, will present a free program on "Medicare + Choice - Understanding Your Options" from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 2. The program will provide an advanced look at the options available next fall under the new Medicare + Choice program. A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield's Service in the Neighborhood Programs will be at the hospital to answer questions and provide information about the plan. To register or for more information, call Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

Crawley appointed to Regional Higher Education Council



Dr. Vernon O. Crawley

Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine Valley Community College, has been appointed to the Institutional Actions Council of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. He will serve a four-year term on the 26-member board.

"It's a honor for me to serve on such an important council," said Crawley. "I look forward to working with the other members to maintain high standards of excellence and ensure quality education for all of the colleges and universities in our region."

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, founded in 1895, is a not-for-profit, voluntary membership organization for elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions. The association, one of six regional accrediting organizations in the United States, is committed to the improvement of education through evaluation and accreditation in 19 states.

The association is organized into two commissions - the Commission on Schools for institutions below the post-secondary level, and the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, which accredits degree-granting post-secondary institutions. The Institutional Actions Council, which is brand new, will review all recommendations and pertinent materials and decide what official action is to be taken by the commission. The decision will then be forwarded to the commission's board of trustees for validation.



Navy Airman William C. Gallacher, son of William S. Gallacher of Burbank, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Gallacher's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

The 1997 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank joined the Navy in December 1997.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Anthony J. Lee, son of Sharon L. Lee of Chicago, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Lee's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

The 1994 graduate of Bogan High School joined the Navy in January 1995.

Navy Seaman John P. Jagodzinski, son of Sharon S. Jagodzinski of Burbank, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Jagodzinski's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

The 1997 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank joined the Navy in October 1997.

CELCS welcomes new Dean

faculty and Administrators at Governors State University are excited about the addition of John Stoll as Dean of the Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services. Stoll comes to GSU from Wayne State College in Nebraska, and is well experienced in the techniques and the related technology used in getting curriculum out to students over a great distance. He will begin here July 1.

He had, previously, also specialized in distance learning as manager for the Graduate School of the United States Department of Agriculture, utilizing satellite and computer-based instruction as well as traditional methods.

John himself cites "positive teamwork" and "development" as important aspects of his commitment to "the production and delivery of high quality learning experiences for (GSU) students."

I do not believe in doing for pleasure things I do not like to do.

—Don Herold

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Navy Airman Recruit Brian M. Lanham, son of Kathleen M. Lanham of Evergreen Park, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

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Back row, left - right: Laura Fleming, Talia Bucci, Lauren Groebe, Linda Januszyk, Caitlin Kenny; front row, left to right: Jackie Desmond, Ashley Strand, Kara Vaccarello and Kristin Casper.

Young writers honored at McAuley

Eleven young writers were honored at the Fourth Annual Writing Contest Awards Ceremony at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 W. 99th Street. The contest is designed to encourage young women to learn creative self-expression, an important skill necessary for their future.

Sponsored by the Mother McAuley Writing Club, Equinox Club, and Thespian Group #443 of the International Thespian Society, the contest consisted of three categories: Poetry, Short Story, and Essay. Topics were limited to: Humor, What is the Best Thing About Being an Eighth Grader, or Compare Yourself to Something in Nature. Winning entries will be published in McAuley's creative writing magazine, *Equinox*. The contest was open to young women in eighth grade from Chicago-area schools.

Contestants, teachers, parents and friends were invited to attend the ceremony in the McAuley auditorium. Winning pieces were presented by members of the Oral Interpretation Class.

The following young women were honored for their writing talent:

POETRY

- 1st Place - Caitlin Kenny from Queen of Martyrs School - "Butterfly"
- 2nd Place - Ashley Strand from Palos South School - "Once Upon a Time"
- 3rd Place - Jackie Desmond from Palos South School - "Falling Stars"
- Honorable Mention - Kristin Casper from St. Michael School - "Fantastic, Fabulous Food"

SHORT STORY

- 1st Place - Lauren Groebe from Palos South School - "Changes"
- 2nd Place - Talia Bucci from Palos South School - "Welcome to..."
- 3rd Place - Laura Fleming from Palos South School - "Untitled"

ESSAY

- 1st Place - Linda Januszyk from St. Germaine School - "Golden Opportunities"
- 2nd Place - Kara Vaccarello from Palos South School - "Helen"
- 3rd Place - Ashley Strand from Palos South School - "Love"



Sturm presents check to fire department

Marge Sturm, treasurer of the Senior Citizens Council of Evergreen Park, recently presented a \$500 check to Ronald L. Kleinhaus, assistant chief, Evergreen Park

Fire Department to help fund the purchase of a fire safety trailer.

The Evergreen Park Fire Department is seeking community support to reach a \$40,000 goal for the purchase of the fire safety trailer, a mobile unit that will allow firefighters to teach area children how to recognize the hazards of fire,

avoid burns, know when and how to call for help as well as escape deadly residential fires.

The Senior Citizens Council is an organization whose goals are aimed at not only helping promote the well-being of the senior citizens of the community but also to assist all the residents of the village.



Parish aids monument fund

A donation of \$250 is presented to Veterans Memorial Fund by St. Albert the Great Parish. Assembled for presentation of check are (left to right) Harry Klein, mayor of Burbank; Father Robert Stepek, pastor of parish; State Senator Louis S. Viverito, Stickney Township Supervisor and chairman of Monument Fund Drive; Donald Fitzgibbons, Ryan Gornik, Bridget O'Dowd, Michael Gorga and Megan Mulcahy, representing students of St. Albert School. "This is another example of the fine cooperation we have been receiving from the schools throughout Burbank," said Viverito, "and we are very impressed and appreciative of this support."



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The prologue begins with the solo voice of architect Thomas Andrews (In Every Age), and Kevin Gray, the ship's designer proclaiming the glory of a modern age as he waves a blue print of the largest moving object in the world, the Titanic.

Up goes the curtain revealing the set. It is very large and features one side

of the ship and gang plank. All of the principal passengers are introduced as they walk up the White Star Line ramp. Facts, figures and historical background are cleverly woven into the lyrics as the audience watches and listens to their death knell. All of the characters and events are based on fact.

This is an outstanding cast of professional actor-vocalists who are beautifully costumed in clothes of that period by Stewart Laing. Men wearing "bowlers" or straw sailor styles and striped suits, while ladies wore long-skirted three-piece early twenties clothes, with raglan sleeves, and humongous hats.

Though monumental for the true story of the Titanic this offering cannot totally reach the zenith that one would expect due to stage limitation. If you are expect-

ing to see a duplication of the motion picture, forget it. Today most action movies are done on computers anyhow. Where and how do you think the movie was executed? Certainly, not on any ocean. Titanic, the musical, is a glorious memorial to those lost at sea, and their loved ones and worth seeing.

The Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive, (312) 902-1500 Through June 6

Titanic Chronology

April 10

Morning: Passengers board the ship in Southampton.

Noon: The Titanic begins her maiden voyage with a near collision with the steamer New York.

Early Evening: The Titanic anchors off Cherbourg, France.

Evening: The Titanic sails for Queens-town, Ireland.

April 11

Afternoon: The Titanic leaves Queens-town for New York.

April 12

Calm sailing.

April 13

Calm sailing.

April 14

Daytime: Several ice warnings are received.

Late Evening: The Titanic strikes an iceberg on the starboard side of her bow.

April 15

Morning: The Carpathia with survivors leaves for New York.

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September 1: A scientific expedition led by Dr. Robert Ballard discovers the wreck of the Titanic at 12,500 feet (located 1,000 miles due east of Boston and 375 miles southeast of St. John's, Newfoundland).



David Beditz as Edgar Beane and Liz McConahay as Alice Beane



S. Marc Jordan as Isidor Straus and Taina Elg as Ida Straus



Theatre

Fox Theatricals and PACE Theatrical Group announced that they will operate and manage Chicago's legendary Palace Theatre, located at 151 West Randolph Street. The first production at the newly restored and renovated venue will be the exclusive pre-Broadway engagement of Elton John and Tim Rice's new musical, "Aida," a Walt Disney Theatrical Production, which will begin performances on November 12, 1999.

Fox Theatricals is the result of merging the talents of Chicago Producer Michael Leavitt and St. Louis-based Fox Associates, headed by David Fay. A leading presenter and producer of musicals and plays, Fox is currently represented on Broadway through its productions of "Jekyll & Hyde," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" and The Goodman Theatre's "Death of a Salesman" starring Brian Dennehy. Fox has also produced the New York, Chicago and national tours of Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" and Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Three Tall Women."

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The Write Stuff

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Village View Newspaper. For many of those years Annette Dixon was employed as sales person for then publisher Vina O'Malley. Then, as circumstance would have it, in 1983 Annette took over ownership, becoming publisher of this Oak Lawn based paper that also reaches out to the neighboring communities of Burbank, Evergreen Park, Bridgeview, Garfield Ridge, Clearing, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Heights, and Palos Park.

Annette has worked tirelessly to bring these communities an informative, well organized paper and from the looks of its success, I'd say her dedication is paying off.

I first met Annette in November of '97, when I began soliciting local papers to publish a family life column I wanted to write. I came upon the Village View by chance one day, and on a whim I picked up the phone and set up an appointment to meet with its publisher. I had no idea what to expect. All I knew was that my enthusiasm to share my writings seemed to over ride any nervous jitters I felt.

Sitting in her office that day, I got the impression that this was a no-nonsense, tell it like it is kind of woman. But what I found refreshing was her honesty and straight forwardness that lets you know right were you stand with her.

We talked for awhile and as she went over some of my writing samples, she made a decision that has made it possible for you to be reading this column. She agreed to give 'Kathy's Kaleidoscope' a chance and I've been writing it ever since.

Some things in life are just meant to happen. I certainly could not have predicted what positive changes my encounter with Annette has brought my way.

There are reasons for everything that comes our way in life, sometimes we may not fully understand, but when we follow our hearts we realize we can never go wrong. "It's all in the cards," as they say, and judging from Annette's ambitious endeavor to become publisher of The Village View, I'd say she's been dealt a winning hand.

CONGRATULATIONS ANNETTE, on 16 years at the publishing helm! And thanks for making it possible for me to share this dear memory with your readers.



Eric and Rosalinde AuCoin

Aglow meeting features musical guests

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will feature speakers during their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 10, at the Royal Palace Restaurant, 6254 W. 111th Street in Chicago Ridge.

The featured speakers will

MILITARY ROLL CALL

Air Force Mark E. Beehner, husband of Adrienne whose parents live in Chicago, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of colonel.

The colonel graduated in 1970 from Carmel High School, Hamilton, Mass., and received a bachelor's degree in 1974 from Loyola University of Chicago. He earned a master's degree in 1990 from St. Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

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Marine Pvt. Thomas W. Wasel, son of Ronald W. Wasel of Burbank, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1998 graduate of Argo Community High School.

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Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Daryl Redmond, a 1979 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, is

participating in humanitarian relief operations while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

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Navy Hospitalman Recruit Arkadiusz J. Olszewski, son of Janusz and Lida M. Olszewski of Chicago, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes.

The 1998 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School joined the Navy in September 1998.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard R. Molenhouse, son of Richard H. and Susan M. Molenhouse of Oak Lawn, recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S.C.

He joined the Navy in

March 1998.

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Navy Airman Michael Sands, son of Michael and Deborah A. Sands of Chicago, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, home ported in Bremerton, Washington.

The 1995 graduate of St. Rita High School joined the Navy in September 1997.

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Navy Airman Alan J. Lyons, son of Paula and James Lyons Fr. of Evergreen Park, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, home ported in Bremerton, Washington.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel W. Deiters, a

1995 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, home ported in Bremerton, Washington.

He joined the Navy in May 1996.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Craig W. Trischank, son of William C. Trischank and Sharen J. Trischank of Oak Lawn, recently completed U.S. Navy Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

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Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers Classes

June 8 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Free - For Women Only - How Regular Are You? - Dr. Caryn Bryant will address the causes and treatment of menstrual irregularities. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

June 9 - 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Fee \$20.00 - Diabetes Management - This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza. Call 708-499-1894 to register.

June 10 - 1 - 2:30 p.m., No Fee - Savvy Seniors - This monthly lecture series is held on the second Thursday of the month. This month, the topic will be "How to Handle My Medical Bills." Call 708-423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

June 10, 17, & 24 - 7 - 9:30 p.m., Fee \$50 - Birthing Basics - This three-session program pro-

vides basic education and childbirth skills for those preparing for childbirth, but are constrained by time. Call 708/229-5830 to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

June 14 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Fee \$5.00 - First Aid and Safety for Children - this program is for children ages 6 - 8 years old to learn basic first aid skills and safety awareness. Call 708/423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

June 14 - 10 - 11 a.m., Free - Senior Club, Safety in the Summer Heat - Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

June 16 - 6 - 8 p.m., Fee \$10 - Feeling Good About Me - Mothers and daughters ages 10 - 13 learn about the

emotional changes of growing up and how to deal with those challenges. Refreshments will be served. Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

June 19 - 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Free - Having Your Baby at Little Company Tour - This one-session program is designed to show expectant parents, through tour and lecture, what will happen during a birthing experience at Little Company. Call 708/422-6200, extension 2229 for information. Adults only. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, 2800 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

June 19 - 8 a.m. - noon, Fee \$35 - Men's Wellness Event - Presentation by Andrew Perez, M.D., Comprehensive blood work including cholesterol levels and complete blood count. Multiple screenings include Colon Rectal Cancer Detection Kit, blood oxygen levels,

(Oximetry), health risk appraisal and blood pressure. Breakfast included. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, 2800 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

June 22 - 8:30 - 9:15 a.m., Fee \$35.00 - Flex & Stretch - This exercise class focuses on strengthening and flexibility exercises, which can reduce the risk of injury and improve performance. Begins on Tuesday, June 22nd. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 708/423-5774 to register. Eight weeks. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

June 22 & 24 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Fee \$30 - Supersitter - Red Cross certified class for youths 11 - 14 years to learn baby-sitting skills. Includes a Red Cross Handbook - \$10 value. Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

June 22 - 7 - 9 p.m., Free

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June 23 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fee \$5.00 - Centering-Unravelling the Mystery - Anne Bartolotta will help you uncover the genius within yourself. Benefits of centering will be discussed and a demonstration of centering techniques. Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

June 26 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Fee \$20 per person \$30 per couple - Infant and Child CPR - Learn the techniques of infant and child CPR

through lecture, demonstration and hands-on practice. Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

June 29 & July 1 - 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Fee \$30 - Supersitter - This part program is designed for youths 11 years and older who are interested in gaining baby-sitting skills. Course is certified. Call 708/423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

June 30 - 6 - 7:30 p.m., Fee \$10/child, \$15/family - Sibling Class - This one-session class is structured to teach children what to expect as they prepare to become big brothers and sisters while they await the birth of their new sibling. Call 708/422-6200, extension 2229 to register. This program is held at: Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center 2800 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

Elder Abuse

By Jude Coyle

It is now mandatory for professionals, doctors, dentists, nurses, accountants, etc., involved with the elderly report suspected abuse to state agencies. In this area, P.L.O.W.S. Council on Aging has been designated by the state to take calls, investigate reports, and intervene when necessary. Their phone number is 708/422-6722.

According to Becky Lurfelt, abuse falls into seven categories: physical, sexual, emotional, confinement, passive neglect, deprivation, and financial exploitation.

When the police is involved, and hospital emergency rooms, and possibly an elder is at risk of real physical harm, P.L.O.W.S. responds immediately. A social worker is sent to the residence within 24 hours. If the person is competent, he/she is consulted. In severe cases, the victim can be removed and placed in a nursing home, hospital, with a relative or somewhere else. In a situation like this, abusers have been successfully prosecuted.

Abuse can be as simple as the care giver is also elderly and unable to provide the proper care. Sometimes the care giver does not want to

allow someone into the home for one reason or another, and sometimes, the care giver doesn't know where to find help. There are times that caring family members are overprotective.

Other times, the abuse is intentional. Then the agency will try to work with both the elder and the care giver.

P.L.O.W.S. is a not for profit organization located in Oak Lawn. The initials stands for Palos, Lamont, Orland and Worth townships, and their services extend to the elderly in that area. Their thrust is to allow the elderly to life with

dignity in a home situation as long as possible. P.L.O.W.S. provides clients with Meals on Wheels, case work, gives care givers time off, help the client apply for financial aid, help them with housekeeping chores, locate housing, or place someone in a shared housing situation. Again their phone number is 708/422-6722.

SCC announce meeting

The Senior Citizens' Council of Evergreen Park meets the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street. Residents are invited to attend.

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Friends of the Oak Lawn Library annual dinner meeting

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The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person. Reservation forms are available at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., at the reception booth, first floor.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Membership forms are available at the library's reception booth, first floor, and via the Friends web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm).

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Burbank Chamber honors graduates

The Burbank Chamber of Commerce Annual John Fitzgerald Scholarship Luncheon was a big success. The top 40 honor students from Burbank's three high schools were recognized not

only for their academic accomplishments, but also for their total involvement in school and community activities. A presenter from each school gave a brief summary of each student's achievements as they were presented with a "Certificate of Recognition" and a rose from Chairman Donna Galeher and Chamber VP Monica Ward. Chamber members, parents and fam-

ily marveled as honors were bestowed upon these wonderful young men and women. Watching the parents faces just beam with pride as their special student's name was called

was a wonderful sight to behold.

The students who received a scholarship from the Burbank Chamber of Commerce were: Kristen Klimek (Queen of Peace), Rene

Sopiarz (Reavis High School) and Adam Skotnicki (St. Laurence)



Peer Ministers earn certificate from St. Xavier U.

Brother Rice High School Senior Peer Ministers David Banik and Daniel Foreman, both of Oak Lawn are congratulated by principal James Antos of Oak Lawn and St. Xavier University Sociology Professor Dr. Christopher Cooper upon receiving a certificate of completion of a conflict resolution program.

Banik and Foreman were two of 60 Brother Rice senior in two Peer Ministry classes to receive the certificate. The program was overseen by Br. Tom Collins, Br. Rice's Campus Minister and Mrs. Marge Nykaza of Evergreen Park the schools liturgist in conjunction with St. Xavier University.

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Lipinski awards winners of essay and speech competition

Rep. Bill Lipinski is pleased to announce the following winners of his World War II Essay and Speech Competition: first place - Nicole Svajilenka (St. Alexander School) of Palos Heights, second place - Samuel Lin (Southwest Chicago Christian School) of Tinley Park, third place - David Gilliat (Lenart School) of Chicago.

"All of the students who participated did an outstanding job," said Lipinski, "I am especially pleased to award the winners for their excellent essays and presentations."

The competition was a twofold program in which students wrote an essay about the most important person or event in World War II. The top 20 essayists were chosen as finalists, and asked to present their work orally. A panel of judges, consisting of educators and public servants, determined the winners.

The three winners received plaques, with first place receiving a \$100 sav-

ings bond, and second place receiving a \$50 savings bond. All students who participated accumulated points in Rep. Lipinski's 1999 All-American Eagles program. The student who accumulates the most points after the three events will win the 1999 Eagles program and receive a \$500 savings bond. Additionally, the school with the most students participating in the three events will receive a prize of \$250.

Methodist church announce Spring Luncheon

The women of the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 94th St. and Homan Ave., announce their annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, June 10, at 12:30 p.m.

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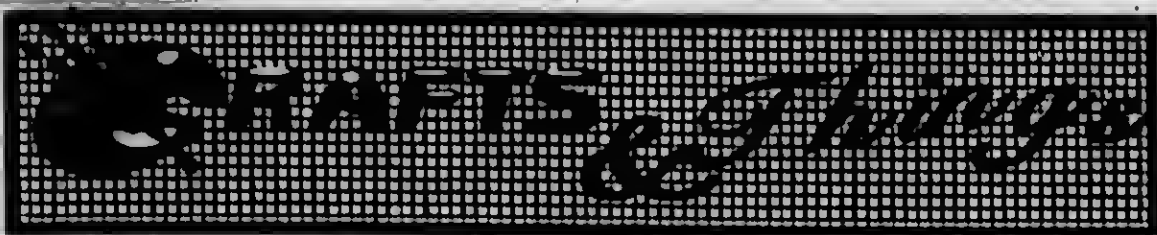
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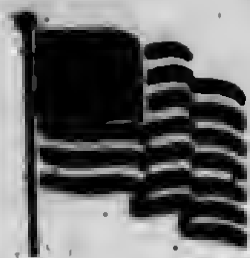
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Midway residents soundproofing homes

by Jude Coyle

Seven Hundred Seventy Five residents entered the sound proofing lottery conducted by the Midway Noise Compatibility Committee. All names were drawn and numbered by the order they were pulled. Numbers one through 300 will receive sound proofing.

If anyone declines to be on the list, each entrant will move up. When asked about when the remaining 475 entries will receive sound proofing, Erin O'Donnell of

the Department of Aviation said, "she didn't know. The city will use what had been allotted for this year."

Originally \$44 million was set aside for sound proofing, with \$8 million to be used for residential.

In January, Mayor Daley authorized an additional \$10 million. One source of funding is a \$3 passenger facility fee added to the ticket prices.

Congress is considering an increase at this time, although a dollar amount hasn't been established.

A resident pointed out that

sound proofing around O'Hare is much further ahead of the program around Midway.

Ms. O'Donnell pointed out that there are a great many more tickets purchased for flights out of O'Hare. Funding is proportionate with that \$3 passenger facility fee.

Rep. Lyons protects highway drivers

In an effort to reduce incidents of traffic accidents and vehicle damage caused by flying debris from cargo trucks, the Illinois House of Representatives passed legislation that would require truck drivers to secure their cargo. The bill, which was sponsored by State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-47), will work to reduce the bouncing rocks and falling dirt that can turn the highways into an obstacle course littered with debris.

Lyons' bill, Senate Bill 1155, would prohibit a person from operating a truck on a highway if there is a possibility that materials may escape from the vehicle. This bill provides that no person shall operate a second division vehicle (defined as a pickup truck or larger) loaded with aggregate, dirt, garbage, etc. unless the tailgate on the vehicle is in good repair and closed securely. This bill also requires that all cargo must be secured in the cargo container of the vehicle.

Senate Bill 1155 has passed chambers and now awaits consideration by the governor.

Healer conducts service

Barbara O'Malley, internationally recognized Christian healer, will conduct a healing service on Friday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America, 4808 S. Archer Ave. No reservations are needed. For further information please contact (630) 620-1825.



Scholarship recipients at St. Laurence

St. Laurence High School students who were recipients of a William J. Miller Memorial Scholarship this past school year were presented certificates by the program's founder at the school's annual Recognition Night last month. Pictured are (l-r) John Bartgen (Chicago, Clearing), Jason Herrera (Chicago, West Lawn) and Allen Capp (Chicago, Clearing). All three were given the scholarship based on their academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. St. Laurence students who are sons of Chicago Fire Fighters/Paramedics are eligible for the award, given annually by the Miller family in memory of the former Fathers' Club member who was a Chicago Firefighter for 34 years.

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Slowing the aging process

Have you ever imagined that 90-year olds could live almost exactly as a 50-year old does today? Or, that someday, people will routinely live to be over 100 years old? Only weeks ago, the story made headlines: scientific research is close to extending human life to 150 or even 200 years.

"No matter what your age, there are life changes that can be made - right now - to tip the odds in favor of a longer, healthier, more vital life," said AARP Illinois State President Frank Sorenson of Macomb. "New research has led scientists to believe that the rate of aging can actually be slowed, or even reversed."

The story and research behind these possibilities and other astonishing advancements in the science of aging will be told in the premiere of a new three-hour television series on PBS on

June 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. The series is funded, in part, by AARP and the AARP Andrus Foundation and is entitled, "Stealing Time: The New Science of Aging."

Stealing Time is a compelling new series about the age-old quest for immortality. The three distinct one-hour segments - The Quest for Immortality, Turning Back the Clock and Mastering the Mind - highlight astonishing breakthroughs in recent research on aging. It looks at the research of more than two dozen noted scientists who are key members of the aging-related community who have devoted their lives to making the Fountain of Youth a reality.

As experts approach a fundamental understanding of how we age, we are witnessing startling new evidence that aging need no longer be considered an inevitable downhill journey. In fact, the

forces that control aging will soon be in our hands. Stealing Time covers topics such as physiology, nutrition, vitamins, exercise and mental exertion. As this program demonstrates, the prospects for successful aging have never been brighter.

Nationally, the number of Americans older than 85 is growing at a rate six times faster than the rest of the population. There are more than 208,000 people 85 or older in Illinois, or 1.75 percent of the state's population. Illinois ranks 25th in the nation in that age category; the median age of the state population is 35.4 years, well over the national median age of 34.3.

For more information on free publications to help you live longer and healthier, call 800-424-3410 or write AARP, 601 E. St. VW, Washington, DC 20049.

St. Laurence student receives silver medal

Jeff Canty, a senior at St. Laurence High School, was awarded a silver medal at the National Finals of this year's Scholastic Art Competition held in New York City. Canty's entry in the "Graphic Design" category was one of 15,000 works which were judged at the national level.

Canty, a resident of Chicago's Garfield Ridge community, advanced to the national finals by receiving a gold award for his work at

the regional level, held at the Elmhurst Art Museum. Thirty-three schools from the Chicago area participated in the regional, the largest in Illinois. Over 1400 art pieces were entered in sixteen categories.

John Galetka and Doug Dalton, both also of the Garfield Ridge community, won silver medals for works entered in the "Painting" and "Graphic Design" categories respectively.

Summer sports camps at Lourdes

Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street, will be hosting summer camps in three sports: volleyball, softball and basketball for girls. The cost of the camps is \$25.00 for each camp.

Head Varsity Basketball Coach, Chris Peoples, will be instructing players on basketball skills. The basketball schedule is June 14 - 18, 1999.

Grades 5 - 6, 9 a.m. till 12 p.m.

Grades 7 - 8, 1 p.m. till 4 p.m.

The softball clinic will be instructed by Varsity Coaches, Burt Blake and Phil Emph. The softball clinic schedule is July 19 - 23, 1999.

Grades 6 - 8, 10 a.m. till 12 p.m.

Grades 9 - 12, 12:30 p.m. till 2:30 p.m.

Coach Barb McMillin will be instructing players in volleyball. The volleyball schedule is June 21 - 25, 1999.

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Senate approves O'Malley 'double whammy' relief bill

Local school district hit hard during the triennial assessment by the "double whammy" of property tax caps and inequities in the state's school-aid formula would receive additional funding from the state, under legislation sponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley and approved May 14 by the Illinois Senate.

House Bill 1134 provides a onetime \$10.3 million payment to those school districts in the south triad suburbs of Cook County adversely affected by the triennial assessment during the first year of the new formula. The bill also makes it easier for those districts hit by the "double whammy" to get relief.

"The concepts behind the 1997 school reform were good, but the reality is that many school districts suffered revenue losses twice. Especially hard hit were those school districts in areas where property values increased after the triennial assessment," O'Malley said.

Chicago schools CEO Paul Vallas credits O'Malley's persistence and courage for passing "the most important structural change to the school funding formula this session."

"One major flaw in the school-aid formula is that it penalizes school districts that are reassessed. This is one change that is long overdue. This bill will not only benefit the City of Chicago but have an even more significant impact on suburban schools," Vallas said. "This is something Senator O'Malley has been working for since he was elected to the Senate. He was the lone wolf on this proposal for a number of years and it is his persistence and courage that got this legislation through."

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O'Malley says the law currently allow eligible school district to file a claim for a supplemental grant if they are affected by the "double whammy." House Bill 1134 changes the eligibility requirements so school districts do not have to have their operating tax rates reduced by the cap - they just have to be located in a tax cap county.

House Bill 1134 returns to the House of Representatives for concurrence with the changes made by the Senate to conform with O'Malley's Senate Bill 139, including the onetime grant for suburban school districts in the south triad of Cook County.

Sertoma observes Better Speech and Hearing Month

The Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center is observing Better Speech and Hearing Month in May by extending the hours of free screenings for speech and hearing, and offering a special "Two for the Price of One" Hearing Aid Battery Pack offer.

Hearing screenings which take about fifteen minutes, are performed by the Center's staff of licensed audiologists. At the conclusion, the participant is informed of his or her hearing status. This month only, the screenings are available to anyone ten or older.

Speech screenings are available to anyone over the

age of two. Performed by one of the Center's licensed speech pathologists, they take about 25 minutes.

All free screenings are by appointment only: please call the Center at (708) 599-9500 in Palos Hills or (708) 597-7122 for the Homewood office to set one up.

The special battery pack offer: purchase two hearing aid battery four-packs, get another one free (limit of two free four packs during May).

Every hearing aid should be checked yearly to assure that it is working correctly; the Center reminds everyone

who wears a hearing aid that May is the perfect time for that hearing aid check. Hearing aid wearers will also benefit from the Hearing Aid Battery Club: different options are available to help you save on quantity hearing aid battery purchases.

Sheriff offers summer safety program for kids

A program designed to promote child safety during the summer months is being held at area park districts and schools, according to the Office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The Sheriff's Child Safety Program will be held in Evergreen Park at 3450 W. 97th

Vacation bible school date set

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 W. 120th St. in Alsip announced that Vacation Bible School will be held July 19th - July 23rd. The theme for V.B.S. is Jungle Journey. All those wishing, preschool through 8th grade, can do so at the Alsip Summerfest. This is a free program that takes the children on a great journey, learning about Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father. For further information call Jeanne at 708/597-5209.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will also be sponsoring the Children's Craft Corner at the Alsip Summerfest. At this booth children will make many crafts.

Alzheimer's Family/Caregivers Support Group meeting at Rest Haven Central

You are invited to attend the Alzheimer's Family/Caregivers Support Group meeting on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. at Rest Haven Central, 13259 S. Central Ave. in Palos Heights. The guest speaker for the evening will be Maureen Rutledge from Seasons Hospice. For more information, or to reserve your seat contact Mary Smith LPN (Alzheimer's Unit Director). Refreshments will be served.



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Sabre Room presents Nuptial Nonsense

The Sabre Room, located at 8900 W. 95th Street, will present a musical comedy by Don Gautreaux on June 18, 19, 25 and 26. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and show time at 8 p.m. Dinner and show - \$37.50, show only - \$22.50. For more information call 708-430-4316

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Long Grove - Tuesday, June 15 - Visit the many craft shops, clothing shops, and antique shops. Lunch is on your own. The bus leaves the Palos Hills Park Department at 9 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. The fee for residents is \$16.00, nonresidents is \$21.00. Register now.

Great America - Friday, June 25 - The bus leaves the Palos Hills Park Department at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. The fee for residents (grades 6 - 12) is \$27.00, nonresidents (grades 6 - 12) is \$32.00. Fee includes transportation and admission.

White Sox Training Center Baseball Camp - June 21 - June 25 - This camp is for children ages 7 - 14 years old. Camp will be held at the Bill Dunnett Field, 103rd and 78th Avenue from 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$159.00. Registration forms will be available for pick up at the park department.

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ComEd improves service in Oak Lawn

By: F.J. Soczek

After months of repetitive and rancorous attacks on Commonwealth Edison, Trustee Ronald Stancik appeared to arrive at a peace accord during the June 8th Board of Trustees meeting.

The reconciliation followed a formal presentation by Maureen Niswonger and Tom Quick of ComEd that was unfortunately interrupted by the late and obviously calculated entrance into the meeting room of several dozen union municipal employees who had been picketing outside.

According to a Reliability Enhancement Report issued by the utility, ComEd began meeting with Oak Lawn Village officials September 28, 1998 to discuss power outages.

After the September meeting, ComEd promised to review the various power feeders serving Oak Lawn and rectify deficiencies. Troubleshooting included visually examining all of the lines and monitoring the feeders that were reported to be problematic.

A follow up meeting was held November 10, 1998 at which time ComEd presented maintenance plans which included tree trimming, the installation of lightning protection and the correction of slacking wires.

ComEd officials also attended neighborhood meetings with residents and concerned citizens of Trustees Joy's and Hurckes' districts, along with a cable television show discussing tree trimming.

ComEd diligently tracked the progress of problem areas of nearly 400 municipalities using a color coded "Greenboard," using Red, Yellow or

Green to emphasize the degree of attention required to rectify any deficiencies. Oak Lawn was coded Red (requiring significant attention) while Green areas indicated no major undressed concerns.

ComEd has implemented a new system of power restoration resulting from storms that includes three phases of estimated restoration times, automatic customer call back, crews equipped with mobile phones and a new tracking system installed in service trucks.

Although Ms. Niswonger of ComEd was optimistic about the latter improvements, she cautioned no system is perfect, especially when variables such as weather extremes, cable dig-ins and car accidents are factored into the equation.

Although several additional problem areas were noted during a January 26th meeting, ComEd reported at the most recent meeting held May 11th that all of the scheduled maintenance work has been completed.

Mayor Kolb praised the "good working relationship" with the utility as "a great step forward."

Village Attorney Patrick Lucansky presented to the Village board a draft of a State Gift Ban ordinance which must be adopted on a local level and published in pamphlet form at least 10 days prior to July 1, 1999.

Designed to prevent elected officials from being unduly influenced by "gifts" from constituents, the bill became effective January 1, 1999.

The various Trustees glanced uncomfortably at each other when it was learned an "ethics officer" was required to "oversee statements of economic

interest and provide guidelines on the interpretation and implementation of the Act." Trustee Wm. Keane gleefully nominated Mayor Kolb for the position "since he is the only one who has a staff..."

Among the items either prohibited or restricted include financial interest in projects voted on by the Board, gifts, gratuities, discounts, hospitality and loans.

Despite the fact that Oak Lawn legal counsel Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins waited until the very last minute to present this complex topic, they did manage to suggest at least 26 "exceptions" to the Gift Ban Act.

Some of the permitted "exceptions" for elected officials listed in a document prepared by Patrick Lucansky, Terrence Barnicle and Thomas Bayer of the latter law firm include "commercially reasonable loans, legal defense fund contributions, intra-inter-office gifts, food, refreshments, lodging, transportation and other benefits resulting from the outside business or employment activities of the Employee (or spouse) if the benefits have not been offered or enhanced because of the official position or employment of the Employee, and are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances."

Class reunions

St. Joseph Grammar School, 48th and South Paulina, Chicago, Class of 1939 will hold its 60 year reunion on September 19, 1999. For more information, call 708/361-4837.



Leonard Gerstner, Vickie Saitta, Ken Worley, Vic Mesco, Irene Gerstner and Vivian Worley protest Shell Oil at the Evergreen Park Village Hall.

Residents protest new car wash

By Jude Coyle

Carl Pace Builders have filed a request for a variance in the building code on behalf of Shell Oil. They plan to build a car wash and 24-hour convenience store on the property located at 103rd, between Kedzie and Sawyer.

Vic Mesco and friends protested in front of the Shell station at 103rd and Kedzie on Friday, June 4. The group carried signs saying "Keep the crime rate down," "no car wash," etc. Their contention is that this intersection is congested now. Jewel Foods/Osco Drugs, McDonalds, Shell another station, and 7-Eleven all feed into this intersection, and just south of the intersection one lane drops off on either side of Kedzie. They are concerned about their kids and the elderly crossing her, about littering and about an increase in fender benders. They are also concerned that another 24-hour convenience store will invite robbery attempts.

The protesters moved to the Village Hall on Monday, June 7. They picketed until just prior to the Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Then they moved inside.

The village had accommodated Carl Pace Builders by scheduling time for their representative, Attorney Anthony LePore to speak on the developer's behalf. Residents, some holding signs,

made it known that they would also like to speak. Mayor Anthony Vacco agreed, instructing all that comments should be limited to three minutes, and that anyone causing a disturbance would be removed.

Mr. LaPore explained that Shell is planning to build a car wash, Shell station and convenience store.

After studying the situation, he feels that making a south bound exit through the alley onto 103rd should relieve some of the congestion. The alley would be widened from 14 ft. to 16 ft. to accommodate more vehicles. The contractor will pay for the right turn only signs and for any type of barrier required on the property boundaries. Problems with traffic exiting from the alley now are caused because trucks entering the exiting Florida Plastics travel northbound through the alley. Trustee Kyle asked about putting in cul-du-sacs and if problems arise later, can the village count on Carl Pace to correct them. Mr. LaPore assured her that they would.

Mayor Vacco opened the floor to residents next. Vic Mesco presented petitions, signed by residents, to Village Clerk James Sexton. He feels that property values in the area will diminish by \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Jean Tracy commented that the present landlord has allowed the property to be-

come an eyesore, and that new buildings will also be neglected. She feels that the village should make him tear it down or sell it.

Leonard Gershner asked what will happen to the trucks now traveling North through that alley. Will they have to take to the side streets?

Through the Freedom of Information Act, another resident learned that the village collects 3 cents a gallon on gas, and that comes to \$60,000. Revenues are expected to increase by \$15,000 to \$20,000. The village will lose more in taxes if property values decrease even slightly because of this.

Trustee Norbert Smith then moved to grant the request for the special use permit.

Mr. Mesco again rose. He said he had asked for information concerning possible thefts and learned there had been five or six incidents at the Jewel/Osco.

Noreene Potaglia said that she is concerned about the kids in the area, and will not vote for the trustees next time, and will not buy gas at Shell. The residents in the hall agreed wholeheartedly. The vote was called then, and carried. Trustee Bosch voted no, whereas Smith, Kyle, Marzullo and Yukich voted yes. The mayor added his vote to theirs, making it five to one for giving the variance that would allow Shell to build.

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Highlights from the Bridgeview Board Meeting - June 9, 1999

By Jude Coyle

According to President Steve Landek, when the responsibility for issuing business licenses was moved from the Building Department to the Village Clerk's office, it was discovered that Wal-Mart has not purchased the required business licenses or the licenses required to sell guns in three years behind. They paid over \$3,000 in back taxes to the village. Mayor Landek also got them to agree to move their gun display out of an inappropriate location and placed back against the wall where it had been.

President Landek administered the oath of office to

one new firefighter and four new police officers. Joseph Cipriani is the firefighter, and Edwin Sullivan, Azucena Bustami, Robert Novak and James Cholke are the new officers.

The mayor presented a plaque from the Illinois Section American Water Works Heroism Award to James England. Mr. England pulled an unconscious man from a fire, and then tried to put out the fire.

The bid date is set for July 21, 1999 for the water main proposal on 82nd St. and 82nd Place. Funds will be paid from the Water Fund.

Trustee Joseph Kaput vis-

come the background for an instructional film. The instructor will be placed in front of the firefighters later.

The teen dance has been rescheduled for June 25, 7 p.m. to 11 at the Bridgeview Community Center. This is part of the B.A.D.G.E. program, and sponsored by the police department, the mayor's office, the board of trustees, Cook County and the Sheriff's Department.

The board has agreed to two ordinances, 99-20 and 21, which provides tax incentives for two companies, Cromwell Phoenix at 7630 W. 79th Street, and Team Trailer and Truck Repair at 8500 S. 77th Avenue.

ited the fire station last week. The firefighters were being filmed doing a Tybol (SP?) workout. Their film will be-

Oak Lawn Chamber discusses state of village

By Jude Coyle

Two presentations were made at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce June Luncheon. The chamber awarded a plaque to its newest member, Little Company of Mary Home Fitness Center. Next, LeRoy Corradino of Founders Bank received a plaque commemorating 50 years in banking.

Village of Oak Lawn Manager, Joe Faber, used the opportunity to discuss the State of the Village. Mr. Faber introduced Fire Chief Tom Moran and Police Chief Jim Houk to the audience, and asked each man to describe the state of their departments.

Chief Moran, a 33 year veteran of the fire department, has held his position for five years. The fire department has three stations and will be fully computerized soon. It is rated Class 1, meaning the services provided by the department are excellent. Governor Ryan has recently approved grant money for the village to purchase an inferred imaging camera. This will help firefighters locate victims even in smoke filled rooms. Chief Moran reports that he is most pleased with the coloring book the chamber sponsors. It is aimed at 4th graders, and teaches them about basic fire safety.

Police Chief Jim Houk, a 28 year veteran, opened his remarks by reminding all how much the Oak Lawn

Police Department has spent in the news of late. In spite of that, he wants all to know that Oak Lawn is a safe community. Four years ago the village initiated a robbery prevention program. A package is available through the police department and can be obtained by calling the non emergency number. Presently the department has 101 officers, including detective unit. The 911 system has 25 employees and is used by other communities. The department has redoubled its efforts with the walk and talk approach, meaning that officers will leave their vehicles and participate with residents. The number of bicycle cops have increased from two to four. The department should be fully computerized soon. Officers will be able to run complete criminal histories, or complete paper work from lap tops in located in their squad cars. Live scan finger printing should be available soon. Photographs of finger prints will be available to other agencies world wide.

Joe Faber discussed road construction. Now opened is 111th Street. Central Avenue should be completed by August 8. Soon, one northbound and one southbound lane will be opened down the center of Central. Work on the ramps at 95th and Harlem is almost completed. The Southwest Highway bridge is on schedule and should be finished by Sep-



Tom Moran (fire chief), Joe Faber, Jim Houk (police chief) at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

tember. No further work is scheduled on major roadways this year. Next year the village plans to replace street lights on 95th.

Under economic development, the old Venture/K Mart Building should be redeveloped soon. Walgreens is planning to level the I.H.O.P. at 95th and Cicero and rebuild. Also Metra is funding 75% of the cost of new parking facilities. Eight trains come in daily now, and should increase to 23 later. Two parking lots at 95th and Parkside will be completed in a few weeks. LaSalle Bank is building on 95th. Residents have requested a brick wall behind Special Value Liquors. The village feels that this could cause as many problems as

The following businesses have applied for licenses:

• **Western Construction Recycling**, 5735 S. Harlem, garbage hauler;

• **Cable Max-Solutions**, 7543 W. 99th Street, communications contractor;

• **Designs by Femline, Inc.**, 6907 S. Robert Road, art, photography and beauty services - the license has been granted with the stipulation that this is a home occupation with no outside storage;

• **Sprint Com, Inc.**, 7459 W. 79th Street, switch site - wireless communication network - This was granted with the stipulation that the exit signs are fixed.

The audience was invited to speak. Rich Rodriguez explained that he will tape some of the meetings. They will be broadcast on the public access channel, either channel 21 or 3, on Saturday mornings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

it solves. They are considering erecting a wooden fence.

Chris Augle, President of the Chamber announced upcoming activities. The Combined Business After Hours (Evergreen Park/Oak Lawn Chamber) will meet at the Renaissance at 2940 W. 87th Street on June 15th, between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Farmers Market Opening Day is June 30. Combined Business After Hours will meet at LaSalle Bank, 4200 W. 95th Street, on June 30, from 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Another Business After Hours will take place on July 1, at AT&T (formerly TCI Cable), 106th and Cicero, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The annual golf outing is planned for July 7, 1999, at Palos Country Club. Invitations will be mailed soon.

Wedding Accessories Shopping List Takes Worry Out of 'The Big Day'

(ARA) - With an engagement ring comes several months of planning and a lot of shopping. Most brides have long fantasized about shopping for major wedding items such as the dress and flowers. However, it's the little things that seem to fall through the cracks and even a calm, cool and collected bride can get frazzled when they remember the many wedding accessories needed to make the big day complete.

Margaret Powers, executive director of events and merchandising for Enesco, has put together a simple shopping list of wedding accessories to help relieve wedding stress.

FOR THE CHURCH

- Unity Candle - A unity candle and holder is optional depending upon the style and religious nature of the ceremony.

- Today's Rice - Bridal couples are being very creative when it comes to this showering tradition. Some ideas include birdseed, flower petals, bubbles and even butterflies.

- Decorations - Church decorations could include flowers, an aisle runner, candles or bows for the pews.

FOR THE BRIDAL PARTY

- Gifts - Everyone in the bridal party, ranging from the maid of honor to the ring bearer, should be acknowledged with a special gift.

- Flower Basket - Every flower girl needs a basket to hold her petals.

- Ring Bearer Pillow - A ring bearer's duties would not be complete without the pillow and, of course, the rings.

- Itinerary - Have a detailed itinerary made for the bridal party ensuring they will stay on schedule and are aware of the day's activities.

FOR THE GUESTS

- Favors - Whether it's candy or a small gift, every guest will love to bring home something.

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Chi Tung to expand

By Jude Coyle

Danny and Jinny Zhao, owners of Chi Tung Restaurant, plan to expand into the two vacant stores next to them. It is located at the southwest corner of 95th and Kedzie This would create space for ten more tables.

The property has been vacant for quite some time, and has deteriorated. The landlord has promised the village

many things but has yet to carry through with any of them. Danny Zhao explained that he will make improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Zhao, who are residents of Evergreen Park, have been in business for eighteen years, and want to remain where they are. They rent from the same landlord now, and are used to making repairs.

They are afraid of being forced out because of the high cost of repairs. For that reason, they have taken a one year lease on the property, with an option for another year. If this doesn't work, they are considering other locations.

Mayor Vacco commented that he felt it was more important to see that corner cleaned up. Mr. Zhao thanked the mayor for his encouragement, yet pointed out that parking has become a concern as well. He wanted to know if the village could open parking to them in the village lot. The mayor reacted as if this is something that could be worked out.

The board voted to grant the Zhao's request for a new business regulation certificate.

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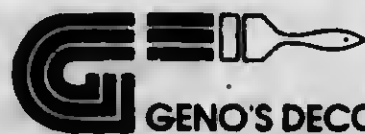
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By Kathy Whirity

Dear Readers;

A mother has dreams of her daughter's wedding day, inspiring visions of her little girl in a flowing gown of white lace and satin. And though may be the one to give her away, it is a mother's heart that will come full circle on this special day.

Mother of the Bride

I held your hand when you were small,
and calmed your fears when tears would fall.
I stood at your door as a toddler you slept,
and held your confidence in secrets I've kept.
Teen years came along with their conflicting ways,
leaving me to wonder if we'd ever overcome those days.
I've taught you life's lessons as best I could,
and loved you unconditionally, as any mother should.
You were mine to teach wrong from right,
to share laughs with, to kiss good night.
Then came the day when the growing up years,
found a mother's heart facing inevitable fears.
I've loved you enough to set you free,
when the wings of independence took you away from me.
For as you soared and learned to fly,
I hugged you close as I said good bye.
I've seen a young woman emerging,
from a child that was born to me
and though it's hard for this mother to realize,
this is exactly the way it must be.
The prom gowns of yesterday have long since been worn,
now the satin of a wedding dress is what you adorn.
As a mother I've dreamt of what your future would bring,
and now I know as I hear wedding bells ring.
Today you'll exchange two bands of gold,
with a forever promise to have and to hold.
Your life's mate is waiting with open arms,
waiting to be captivated by your sweet charms.
My happiness will shine through a tear stained smile.
My heart has known joy, for you've made my life worthwhile.
Suddenly it dawns on me as this new life is begun,
I haven't lost a daughter - I've gained a son.
So I, your mother, will be beaming with pride,
as I take my place today as mother of the bride.

*Notes of Joy - Congratulations to Jennifer Masterson and John Quinlan on their upcoming wedding. And warmest wishes to Terri Tomasik - as wedding bells ring out, may you cherish this very special moment as Mother of the Bride.

If you would like a copy of this poem that will be suitable for framing, please send \$5.00 to Kathy Whirity c/o Village View, 9720 S. Parkside Ave., Oak Lawn, Illinois, 60453.

Canoe trip

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a Canoe Trip down the Des Plaines River. This trip will take its participants five miles down the river, to the only remaining island on the river - "Isle a la Cache." Here, participants will visit a museum in honor of the area's early explorers.

Wednesday, June 25th, and return the Des Plaines River, Willow Springs, at approximately 3 p.m. The fee is \$12.00 for residents, and \$17.00 for nonresidents. Registration forms are available at the Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For more information call 430-4500.

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Letter to the Editor

Have Winnie the Pooh, Tweety Bird, and Snoopy become America's newest national symbols of patriotism, pride, and respect? Last Memorial Day, I silently asked myself this question while surveying not only the profound absence of the American Flag on individual residences and local businesses, but also the increased presence of decorative, seemingly "patriotic-looking flags" with animated characters festooned in red, white, blue. Perhaps, one reason for this practice might be that such characters evoke a warm cozy reminiscence of pleasant, "cute" childhood cartoons. After all, who could resist smiling at a grinning Tweety or Snoopy waving a red, white, and blue flag, dressed up like Uncle Sam? Another reason might be that the "regular" flag is, somehow, too boring or "not unique enough" to express one's "individuality," (after all, its design hasn't changed since Dwight Eisenhower was sitting in the oval Office). Yet, the most disturbing reason might be that this practice is the consequence of a pervasive notion that the regular American Flag has just become "too conservative," "too controversial," and "too bipartisan" to wave on indi-

vidual homes and businesses anymore (in other words, Old Glory has become just "too politically incorrect" to fly freely). Hence, the Pooh, Tweety, and Snoopy decorative replacement flags - all bedecked with the politically correct "patriotic look" - are hoisted with pride, flown prominently, and admired with wistful sighs or delightful squeals.

As we approach June 14th, Flag Day - American Flag Day - we must not confuse decorative replacements with the "real McCoy." First and foremost, the American Flag is a national symbol of unity, pride, and genuine love of country - it symbolizes our history, achievements, principles, government, way of life. It expresses symbolically where we have been, where we are now, and where we envision ourselves to be. Pooh, Tweety, and Snoopy, although cute and cuddly, do not symbolize anything. They are what they are; cartoon characters. No less and no more. Second, the historic significance of the American flag cannot be overlooked. Throughout the many battles fought in our nation's defense, the flag was hoisted and carried valiantly on the front lines. Moreover, the brave soldiers

entrusted to carry the flag into battle often bled and died raising it above the ground, carrying it one step closer to victory. The dignity of the American flag itself - especially to those fighting men and women - represented the dignity of all American people, and as such, could not be subjected to being trampled or trodden upon. Of course, one could not imagine Pooh, Tweety, or Snoopy, no matter how "patriotic" in their cartoon appearance being carried into battle, let alone equated with the dignity of all Americans. If this were true, not only our nation, but also the entire world would be in serious dire straits.

We must remember June 14th is a day for all Americans to reflect upon the meaning of the American flag. Although Pooh, Tweety, and Snoopy are cheerful products of creative and artistic genius, June 14th was and is not a day to honor the Disney Corporation, Warner Brothers, or Charles Schultz. It is, and will be, a day to honor the dignity of America and Americans, as it is so vividly, colorfully, and profoundly depicted on our Star Spangled Banner.

Yours sincerely,
Carol A. Marsh

Mounted Unit to put on demonstration

General Superintendent, Joseph Nevius, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, announced that two

Police Officers with two horses from the Mounted Unit, will put on a demonstration for the Nifty Fifties, Monday, June 21 at 1:30 p.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner.

Elaine Boyle, President, announced that the officers will explain why and what the horses are trained for, how they can be used to patrol areas unattainable by motor vehicles and all other interesting aspects.

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Catholic League runners-up

The St. Laurence Viking Hockey Team captured second place in the regular season of the competitive Catholic League this year. They also advanced to the championship series of the Kennedy Cup Playoffs and the "elite eight" in the state hockey tournament. Pictured front row (l-r): Joe Greco, Curt Grigas, Jason Kendrick, Raul Cepeda, Jason Cater, Tim Bartell, A.J. Kerr, Ryan Maslowski, and Brian Barnish. Back row (l-r): Head Coach Tom Kurzawski, Matt Breit, Ed O' Gara, Ryan Lynch, Dennis Witas, Pete Olson, Andy Wierdak, Justin Thael, Joe Eastman, and Goalie Coach Terry Labella. Coach Kurzawski was awarded the "Tony Lawless Award" as the league's outstanding coach, and was presented the "Billy Reay Coach of the Year Award" by the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association.

Farmer's Market returns

Oak Lawn's 15th Annual Farmer's Market, on Yourell Drive between 52nd and Cook Avenues, will open on Wednesday, June 23rd at 7 a.m. All the farmers will return with their variety of fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, spices, vinegars and cider. The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet and greet you on opening day along with Janis Anne Travel, 10404 S. Cicero Avenue.

Bring the children to have their faces painted by Dotsie the Clown between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., enjoy a hot dog prepared by the Boy Scout Troop #596, and munch on popcorn from Christensen's Popcorn Wagon.

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Crafters wanted

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The theater audience just can't seem to get enough of the lovable, laughable and lively "Singin' in the Rain," which opened at the Drury Lane Oak Brook in May. And rightly so. This is a fresh sparkling reprise of one of the best loved musicals of all time since it splashed its way from the silver screen to legitimate stages across the country.

It brings back the glamour of the 1920's Hollywood when talkies were the rage and movie musicals were born. The unforgettable score sparkles with such classics as "Fit as a Fiddle," "Make 'em Laugh," "You Are My Lucky Star," "Good Morning," and of course the classic: "Singin' in the Rain!" The intrigue heightens when during the inter-

mission the set becomes Hollywood Boulevard. With street lights, curbs, and of course the rain. The high light of the show is this show stopper. Kudos to the crew who have engineered enough rain to float a boat.

What an audience pleaser that deserved the applause it received upon opening of Set II. The sounds of the applause almost drowned out the noise of the raindrops. Michael Ehlers who portrays the gallant hoofer, matinee idol Don Lock Wood, charmed the audience with his toe-tapping, high-stepping dance reminiscent of the original. The highlight scene brought rousing applause by the audience. Tammy Mader is the girl he falls in love with, while James Zager earned

his kudos as loyal friend, Cosmos Brown, and an extremely talented dancer when featured in the specialty number, "Make 'em Laugh." The ditzzy Lisa Lamont role who was great in silent films and had a problem when it came to "talkies" was played by Charma Ward Bonnano who could have brought the volume higher and broader, but otherwise fit the part.

This exciting and entertaining production of "Singin' in the Rain" adds to its distinction of being a box office icon. Kudos to the crew for making it rain. It is really an exciting and thrilling ten minutes. The famous scene opens Act II with resounding applause. Go see it... you'll love it... you won't need your umbrella.

Community Theater Groups:

- Beverly Theatre Guild, the oldest community theatre group in Chicago, has announced its season for 1999-00. "Guys and Dolls" will be the opener in the fall, followed by "The Curious Savage" in February, with "Lend Me a Tenor" to end their season in May. For tickets and info call 708-403-7275.

- Oak Lawn Theater Guild: "La Cage Aux Folles" at the Oak Lawn Park District Theater on 100th Street.

- Orland Park Theater continues with "Murder Among Friends", June 25, 26, and 27. Tickets and information call 708-403-7275.

Big Apple Circus Happy On!

The old English Music Hall expression "If you are happy off stage, you will be happy on" inspired the title for the Big Apple Circus' all-new production, Happy On! Pratfalls, pure insanity and mischievous musical antics all result in absolute pandemonium and set the stage (in this case, the ring) for this year's production. The Big Apple Circus returns to Arlington International in Arlington Heights for twenty performances. June 12 - 27.

For more than two decades the Big Apple Circus has been delighting and entertaining audiences in a single ring under an intimate and authentic, Big Top Tent.

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This year, Happy On! features the talents of a host of international, award-winning circus stars: From the U.S.A., the winner of the Silver Clown award, Bello Nock, and the amazing Molly Saudek, in her exhilarating, energetic and jazzy choreography on the tightwire; from the People's Republic of China, the award-winning Liaoning Acrobatic Troupe, and the enchanting and unbelievable He Yuan Yuan will juggle while performing implausible balancing feats on her unicycle; from Russia, the incomparable artistry and daring of award-winning aerialists Vladimir & Olga Kurziamov; and of course, Happy On! will feature the acrobatic and performing versatility of the Big Apple Circus Company, Regina Dobrovitskaya (Russia), Song He Liadouze (France), Katherine Schumann Binder (U.S.A.), Julian Stachowski (Poland), and Max Binder (U.S.A.).

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An Irish Wedding

By Jude Coyle

Mary Ann and Michael Dwyer, of Oak Lawn, are proud to announce their second daughter, Bridget Kate, will soon marry Mr. William Francis Cadogan, son of Kathleen Cadogan. Mrs. Cadogan lives in Wexford, Ireland. Michael Dwyer was born in Slingo County in Ireland, and Mary Ann came from Roscommon, also in Ireland. To take this Irish tale one step further, Will and Bridget traveled to Ireland two years ago to attend a friend's wedding. It was there, in Dublin, that he proposed. Bridget and Will will tie the knot in the next few weeks, American style with a definite ethnic flavor.

The Irish are clannish. Bridget has chosen five girls to stand up for her. Her sister, Colleen will be her Maid of Honor, and Colleen's daughter, Kristin will be a junior bridesmaid. Will has asked his brother, who is traveling in from Germany, to be his Best Man. He will also have Colleen's son, Connor, as a junior grooms man. Bridget chose two flower girls, Colleen's daughter, Sheila, and Will's niece, Kaitlyn. His nephew, Danny will serve as ring bearer.

Mary Ann threw Bridget a bridal shower at the Oak Lawn Hilton. She had purchased a number of the accessories used at the shower and to use at the wedding from Wedding Bliss in Oak Lawn. She had chosen

cake knives, the ring bearer's pillow, wine glasses, the garters, etc.

I visited Wedding Bliss. Georgia and daughter, Angela, welcomed me, and showed me everything one could imagine for use at a wedding or shower. Georgia showed me large candles carried by the bride and groom during Orthodox ceremonies. She had many decorated with rosettes and organny leaves, and even showed me how she makes the organny leaves. Most of their items are handcrafted. The idea they wanted to get across is that girls grow visualizing every aspect of their weddings. It is Georgia's intention in making those dreams come true. If a bride can come up with something special, they will make it. They can handle every aspect of a wedding short of making the dresses. No, they don't bake, and they don't make flower arrangements. They do work with others who do. Angela showed me pictures of cakes, of churches and banquet halls completely enveloped in flowers. The brides brought their plans to Wedding Bliss, and either Angela or Georgia contacted the bakery or the flower shop. They work specifically with vendors they know will do exquisite work. Angela showed me a picture of a canvass runner that they had hand painted. Georgia showed me gloves and purses she had detailed. She showed me garters and crowns worn by

Orthodox brides and grooms. Angela showed me headpieces. She described how they will custom fit it and make a veil to match the wedding dress. She described how a bride wanted to wear her cathedral length veil throughout the reception. The bride asked that Angela make her a loop to be worn on her arm. It had to match the dress, and be exactly the right size to tuck the veil in so she could dance. They sell or customize bow bags, favors or dolls for the shower, pillows, cake knives, wine glasses, Christening gowns, and linens. They will etch or engrave those items, too. They sell several lines of invitations and will work with the bride to find exactly what it is she is looking for.

Bridget purchased her dress from Marina's Bridal. Her dress is made of toole, with an alencon lace bodice, cap sleeves and a portraite neck. The skirt is full and is trimmed in applique to match the bodice. She is wearing a crown and finger tip veil. The train is detachable. All pieces are accented with pearls and clear sequins. Her girls will wear light green thistle chiffon. Their dresses are long, A-Line dresses, with a small clutch of chiffon rosettes in the rear. A mist veil tapers from the shoulders in back, is gathered at the waist, and helps to form a small train. Mom is wearing a long two piece suit. Guess what? It's

also green. It is a two tone sea mist, duchess satin. The dress is an A-line and the jacket has long sleeves. The flower girls are wearing their First Communion dresses.

Marina's Bridal is located on 95th Street in Oak Lawn. They specialize in dresses, and because of that will take as much time as necessary to make sure the dress is perfect. Marina prefers orders are made six months in advance, but will work within the bride's time schedule. She has a small selection of shoes, crowns and jewelry. But, she always has a selection of discontinued dresses on sale for 30% to 70% off.

The ceremony will take place at St. Gerald's in Oak Lawn. A four piece ensemble, piano, violin, flute and vocalist will provide music. Mary Ann told me they had even considered hiring a bag piper to lead the bridal party into the church, but then decided against it.

The reception will follow. They reserved the large room at Gaelic Park, in Oak Forest. A gourmet family style dinner will be served. That is boneless chicken breast and sliced filet mignon.

Although their name has an Irish flair, their cuisine has little to do with lamb. Their chef has matched meals to any nationality or theme, such as Greek or Mexican.

Dorothy wanted me to know that their large banquet room is particularly elegant. The bar

is made from carved oak, and brass chandeliers light up one of the largest dance floors in the area. Whereas, Gaelic Park does not exclusively use one bakery, or one limo service, they do provide a brochure for prospective bridal couples listing local services.

The couple has hired Penny Currier, former Miss America, to play the harp during cocktails and dinner. Mary Ann told me that she has never heard a harp played as beautifully. Napper Tandy is an Irish band. They will entertain after dinner.

Mary Ann's biggest concern now is planning the rehearsal dinner. Bridget wants to have it in the backyard. Mary Ann is counting on sixty. Family members from both sides will be traveling in from all over Europe just prior to rehearsal. Michael, Bridget's Dad, has siblings who live in England and Scotland, and some still in Ireland. Will's brother and wife live in Germany. According to Mary Ann, some of Will's family traveling from Ireland will be leaving their homes for the first time in their lives. She is concerned, of course, with food and accommodations, but also with making all feel welcome, especially with family who might be overwhelmed with Chicago.

Bridget and Will bought a condo in Tinley Park. They will live there for a couple of years. Will owns a farm in Wexford, Ireland, and at this point plan to return there.

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A Mother's Memory

By Jude Coyle

Is it hard to plan a wedding? Of course it is. Between choosing attendants, church, music, and Bible readings, restaurant, dresses, tuxedos, flowers, limos, cake, organist, soloist, seating arrangements, D.J. or band, cake, sweet table, photographer, video, the honeymoon, and satisfying every member of the family, and above all, making this into the fairy tale event every little girl dreams of, the bride and her mother are expected to lose sleep. Will it all work out? Will the flowers be wilted? Will the soloist lose her voice? Will Uncle Joe who is not getting along with Uncle John be happy sitting next to Mrs. Frick from next store? Will the best man who is late for every appointment show up on time? Did I forget anything? Could this possibly work out in spite of everything?

According to Jackie Frapasella, her daughter's

wedding was nearly perfect in every way. She laughed as she described her favorite parts. I asked her if she cried. No, she said, too many things to do, too many things to remember. She said she cried later when she saw the video. It opened with her and her husband, Tony, still in bathrobe and t-shirt. The cameraman showed much earlier than expected. That was fine, though, according to Jackie, the video tape showed how truly hectic that day became.

Daughter, Tonya, married Herbert Schuh, Jr. on March 27, 1999. Herb's mother is Camille Schuh. The ceremony took place at St. Symphorosa, at 6135 S. Austin. Fr. Marc Pasciak, pastor of St. Symphorosa, performed the ceremony. Jackie was surprised to learn that the church did not allow the organist to play the Wedding March. Sister Bernadette, Music Director at St. Symphorosa, told me that most Catholic Churches now feel that music

taken from operas, plays, movies, or from the public sector are not always considered proper for a solemn Christian ceremony. She and representatives from other churches encourage couples to chose something liturgical. Tonya and Herb chose The Princess D March.

Flower girl, Nina, and ring bearer, Nicky, resembled miniature bride and groom. Five bridesmaids, Jackie explained, wore long black dresses with silver gray shawls, and long black gloves.

The girls carried bouquets of large orange tiger lilies and draped the shawls over one arm. The grooms men wore black tails with silver gray vests.

Tonya bought her dress at House of Brides. Jackie wasn't sure what style this was or if it had a special name, so I visited House of Brides. Saleswoman, Jan, helped me out. She said that the dress was a traditional white matte silk with a cathedral length train and long sleeves. The dress was trimmed in lace appliques, pearls and crystal beads. The train was 'elegantly accented with window applique of illusion.' On her head, Tonya wore a crown. Her veil was trimmed in matching applique. Jan explained that House of Brides, which also provided the girls' dresses, could help with most aspects of the wedding day. They sell dresses for brides, their attendants and for mothers of the brides and grooms as well. They also have a line of accessories, anything from shoes, to wine glasses, to cake knives and ring pillows. Because Jim's Formal Wear, Aberdeen Flowers, and Van Gough Studios rent space inside House of Brides, busy brides are provided with one stop shopping.

One of Jackie's fondest memories was when Tonya presented her bouquet to the Blessed Virgin, to the accompaniment of 'Ave Maria.' Jackie pointed out how perfectly a heart shaped cut out in Tonya's train showed up on the video, and how each pearl accent hung perfectly.

The wedding took place at 1 p.m. and the reception wasn't scheduled until 6 p.m. Jackie and Tony tried to relax at home in between. Tonya, Herb and the wedding party traveled to the forest preserves at 115th and Harlem where pictures were taken. Jackie commented that although that wasn't the best time of the year for pictures there, it provided change of scenery.

The reception took place at the Martinique in Evergreen Park. Steak and Chicken Vesuvio were the entrees. Jackie commented how soothing it was to watch the ice sculpture melt throughout the evening. She enjoyed the meal, but more than that, she enjoyed desert. Lights dimmed, leaving the candle center pieces to provide light. Five or six waiters carried trays of Baked Alaska high above their heads. They circled the room, singing 'Hot, Hot, Hot,' as they presented desert to the guests. Herb and Tonya joined in, following the waiters about, clapping their hands and singing along. Once the song ended, the waiters served. According to Jackie, this is a specialty of the Martinique.

Jackie described the cake as having two columns, staircases, and a fountain in the center. On the steps of the staircases, they had purchased dolls to represent the bridesmaids and groomsmen.

The Martinique provided the ice sculpture, the wedding cake and the sweet table. According to John Ruhlessin, these are just a few of the services the Martinique provides. For wedding cakes and other pastries, they use Naples. Mr. Ruhlessin can recommend where to go for a number of services, including invitations, limo services,

D.J.'s and band. He also explained that the Martinique has obtained the services of a non denominational minister if a couple wishes to marry at the restaurant.

Tonya's Dad, Tony, asked for a moment to speak. He read a letter that Tonya had written him when she was 12. The D.J. played the song "Butterfly Kisses," then, Tonya and her Dad danced. Jackie was particularly pleased that Tonya held onto the letter throughout the dance.

The wedding took place on Saturday. Monday morning, the couple took off for St. Lucia where they spent ten days.

Video Lifestyles in Lockport taped the day, and Jackie watches it often, "Butterfly Kisses," and other country songs provided background music for childhood photos of Tonya and Herb. Jackie laughs that the cameraman caught her and Tony at their worst the day of the wedding, and cries when she sees her daughter walk down the aisle, present her flowers to the Blessed Virgin, and when Tonya and Herb exchange vows. And she treasures those moments at the reception when her daughter, her new son-in-law, and her husband interact with guests, waiters and each other.

Picture on Page 7 of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Schuh, Jr.

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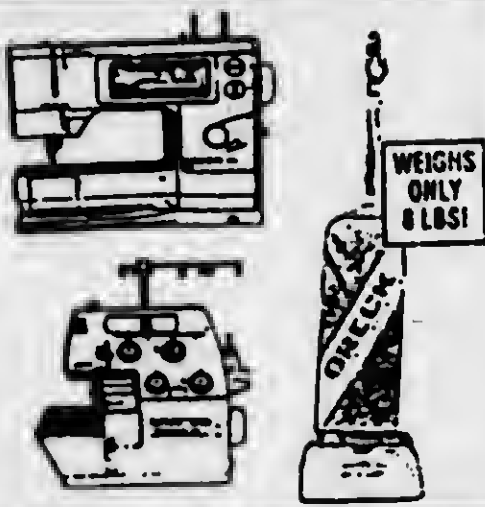
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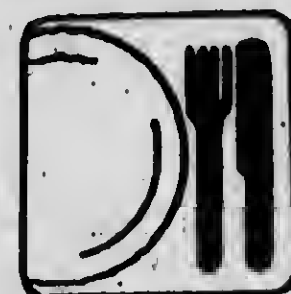
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Cut cheeses in small pieces; combine in a saucepan with milk. Stir over low heat till cheeses melt. Stir in wine and crab; heat through. Serve in chafing dish with shredded wheat wafers.

Makes 3 cups

Stuffed Mushrooms

Drain two 6-ounce cans broiled mushroom crowns. Hollow out and chop enough of the pieces to make 3 tablespoons; cook pieces with 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion in 1 teaspoon salad oil. Stir in 1/4 cup finely chopped salami, 1/4 cup smoked process cheese spread, and 1 tablespoon catsup. Stuff into mushroom crowns; sprinkle with fine soft bread crumbs. Bake at 425° for 6 to 8 minutes.

Cheese Sticks

- 1 stick pie crust mix
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp natural Cheddar cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon paprika

Prepare pie crust mix according to package directions, thoroughly mixing in shredded cheese, mustard, and paprika till mixture forms a ball. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 12 x 8 inch rectangle. With pastry wheel or knife, cut into sticks 1/2 inch wide and 4 inches long. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in a hot oven (425°) for 10 to 12 minutes or till golden brown.

Makes 4 dozen sticks

Sparkle Punch

- 1 1/2 ounce envelope unsweetened lemon-lime or cherry-flavored soft drink powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 1 1 pint 12-ounce bottle (3 1/2 cups) carbonated water

Combine soft drink powder and sugar. Dissolve in milk. Pour into 6 to 8 soda glasses. Add scoops of ice cream. Resting bottle on rim of glass, carefully pour in carbonated water to fill each glass. Stir.

Makes 6 to 8 servings

Ruby Wine Punch

- 3/4 cup water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 6 inches stick cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1 Dash salt
- 2 cups Burgundy, chilled
- 1 1-quart bottle cranberry-apple juice, chilled

In saucepan, combine water, sugar, cinnamon, cloves, and salt; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes. Strain out spices and chill liquid. Combine chilled mixture with wine and cranberry-apple juice.

Makes 12-14 four-ounce servings

Crab-Bacon Rolls

- 1/4 cup tomato juice
- 1 well beaten egg
- 1 7 1/2 ounce can (1 cup) crab meat, flaked, and cartilage removed
- 1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon snipped parsley
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Dash pepper
- 9 slices bacon, cut in half

Mix tomato juice and egg. Add crab, bread crumbs, parsley, lemon juice, salt, Worcestershire, and pepper; mix thoroughly. Roll into 18 fingers, about 2 inches long. Wrap each roll with 1/2 slice bacon; fasten with wooden picks. Broil five inches from heat about 10 minutes, turning often to brown evenly. Serve hot.

Makes 18 rolls

Teriyaki Miniatures

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- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon instant minced onion
- 1 Dash garlic salt
- 1 Dash ground ginger
- 1/2 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup fine soft bread crumbs

Combine soy sauce, water, sugar, onion, garlic salt, and ginger; let stand ten minutes. Mix ground beef and bread crumbs; stir in soy mixture. Shape into 3-4 inch meatballs. Refrigerate till serving time. Spear on bamboo skewers; cook in deep hot fat (375°) in a metal fondue pot about 1-1/2 minutes. Offer heated catsup and mustard for dunking.

Makes 2-1/2 dozen

Chicken Puffs

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup shredded process Swiss cheese
- 2 cups finely chopped cooked or canned chicken
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimento
- 2 tablespoons dry white wine
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Melt butter in 1/4 cup boiling water. Add flour and dash salt; stir vigorously. Cook and stir till mixture forms a ball that doesn't separate. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add egg and beat vigorously till smooth. Stir in cheese. Drop dough into greased baking sheet, using 1 level teaspoon dough for each puff. Bake at 400° about 20 minutes. Remove puffs from oven; cool and split. Combine remaining ingredients, 1/2 teaspoon

salt, and dash pepper; fill each puff with two teaspoons

Sweet-Sour Surprises

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1/2 pound tiny meatballs, cooked
- 1/2 pound shrimp, cooked
- 1/2 pound chicken livers, cooked

Combine cornstarch, sugar, chicken bouillon cube, water, vinegar, pineapple juice, soy sauce, and butter. Cook and stir till mixture boils; cover and simmer five minutes. Group cooked meatballs, shrimp, and chicken livers in sauce. Heat through; serve hot.

Makes 1-1/2 cups sauce

Marinated Artichokes

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 Dash garlic salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon dried tarragon, crushed
- 1 15-ounce can (2 cups) artichoke hearts, drained

Combine all ingredients and 2 tablespoons water in a bowl. Cover; chill several hours or overnight. Drain and sprinkle with paprika; serve with picks.

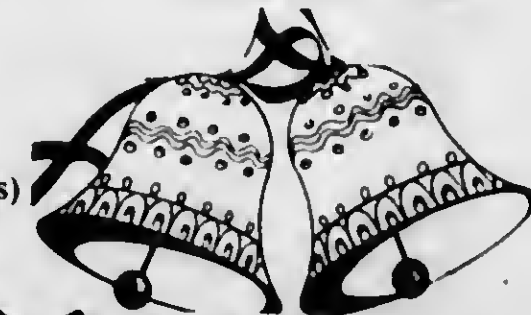
Makes 2 cups

Chicken Liver Pate

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- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 Dash pepper

Cook livers, covered, in small amounts of butter, stirring occasionally, till no longer pink. Put livers through a meat grinder; blend with remaining ingredients. Place mixture in a 2 cup mold. Chill several hours; carefully unmold. Garnish with chopped hard-cooked egg, snipped chives, or snipped parsley.

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Gus Macker visits Palos Heights

By Jude Coyle

To enter the Palos Heights Gus Macker Tournament, June 12th and 13th, each team paid a \$92 registration fee. Proceeds benefit the South West Special Recreation Association, local parks, and recreation centers. The obvious questions here are, who is Gus Macker and what kind of tournament is this?

The second question is easier to answer. This is a three on three basketball tournament. It will be held at Shephard High School parking lot at 13049 South Ridgeland Avenue, beginning 8 a.m. All ages are invited. Entries will be divided in groups by average age, ten and under, 11-12,

13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40 and older. This is double elimination and each team will play at least two games. Winners on all levels will receive trophies. Winners in the 20-29 men's division will compete at the next level, with a chance to travel to Florida.

Now for the first question. Who is Gus Macker? Actually, he's fictional. Scott McNeil of Lansing, Michigan, used that as a nickname 25 years ago when he and his friends played basketball in his driveway. They decided that they should compete three on three, and invited others to join them. That first year 18 people competed.

Each person threw \$1 into a kitty. The winning team took everything. The following year, they competed again, this time inviting more teams. A third year, even more showed up. Eventually, it had grown so large, new facilities had to be found.

Now 25 years later, three on three basketball tournaments have become a nationwide trend. Between March 27 and October 24, approximately 190,000 players are expected to compete in 81 cities from New York to Arkansas to Ontario. This weekend, the Palos Heights Park District expected at least 250 teams.

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Rev. Deffenbaugh to speak at Phoenix Group

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month will feature Rev. Terry Deffenbaugh, O.S.A. on Thursday, June 24, 1999. Rev. Deffenbaugh will speak on "God Has a Sense of Humor." Rev. Deffenbaugh, O.S.A. is an Augustinian priest who conducts many retreats. He has also worked as a crisis counselor and has authored three books. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8 p.m. in the St. Fabian Parish Social Center, 8300 S. Oketo Avenue, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923, or Tom and Marianne at (708) 499-5377.

YMCA Camp Duncan still accepting registrations

What has hundreds of acres, unique cabins, various water craft, hiking trails, canoe trips, lots of happy campers and room for more? It's YMCA Camp Duncan, offering campers another fun packed summer of outdoor activities. Most sessions are still open but it's recommended that you act fast to assure your child the dates you desire.

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Duncan staff members are carefully selected for maturity and ability to lead. They undergo a rigorous

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Campers travel to and from camp by parents - a nice way to see the camp and meet the staff.

Campers like Camp Duncan because it is fun. With instruction in swimming, canoeing, sailing, crafts, nature and archery, how could it not be fun? In fact there is so much to do that most children come back every summer! There's even special Adventure trips and leadership development programs for 13-16 year olds - Canoeing in Michigan, backpacking in Wisconsin and high ropes adventure camp. Camp includes campfires, sing-a-longs, and cabin activities to round out the YMCA's special brand of summer fun.

For more information, contact Camp Duncan at 847-546-8086.

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Local Government Education Night

By Jude Coyle

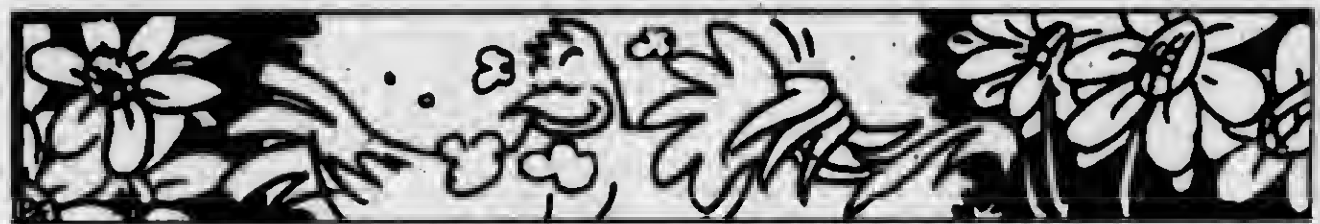
Students from Finley Junior High and Our Lady of the Ridge Schools took over the Chicago Ridge Village Hall on Wednesday, June 2, during Local Government Education Night. Each student is assigned a position, whether that of mayor, trustee or commissioner, and must act in the person's place. Of course the real official is at hand for consultation and instructions.

Village Clerk Charles Tokar thought of this, and put it into effect back in 1991. He feels that local government is the purest form of democracy. For the students of Chicago Ridge to

take over positions of board members and other high ranking officials, is to give them the understanding of how important local government is to them. This is a particularly important lesson for those who are taking their first Constitution Test.

Students are chosen by their teachers, Jane Nolan from Finley Junior High and Kathleen Stein of Our Lady of the Ridge, either by essay, or by grade point averages. The participants are: Dana Hovel, President Eugene Siegel; Mary Evelyn Schroeder, Village Clerk Charles Tokar; Nick

Lubudzik, Trustee Juanita Babeock; Julie Snoreck, Trustee Daniel Badon; Mike Maher, Trustee Don Pratt; Tim Dillon, Trustee George Ryniak; Mark Papiez, Trustee James Saunoris; Cara August, Treasurer Becker; Alina Meile, Attorney George Witous; John Paciga, Engineer Chris Burke; Jackie Grove, Police Chief Rio; Amanda Ekman, Fire Chief Grossi; Thomas Albright, Public Works Supt. Chiappetti; Sara Provost, Youth Service Bureau Dir. Zwirkowski; Katie Brunet, Building Commissioner Socha.



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Winners of Spring Academic Showcase

Queen of Peace High School would like to congratulate the grammar school winners of the Spring Academic Showcase. They are: (row 1, left to right) Bridget Tuzik (St. Gerald), 2nd Place - Sixth Grade Math; Emily Hlawrysz (St. Gerald), 3rd Place - Sixth Grade Math; Michelle Padilla (St. Albert), 1st Place - Language Arts; Karen Kinsley (St. Louis de Montfort), 3rd Place Language Arts and 1st Place Art; Michele Dikeis (St. Louis de Montfort), Best Overall - Language Arts; (row 2) Meghan Gallagher (Queen of Martyrs), 1st Place Seventh Grade Math; Katie Stewart (St. Albert), 3rd Place Art; Beatrice Fabian (Our Lady of Fatima), 2nd Place Language Arts; Caroline Dikselis (St. Louis de Montfort), 3rd Place Language Arts; (row 3) Tanya Pelikan (Our Lady of Fatima), 3rd Place Seventh Grade Math; Arielle Muth (Our Lady of Fatima).

Sheahan host academy

Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan brings the third session of the Senior Citizen Law

Enforcement Academy to the Evergreen Park Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie, in Evergreen Park. Sponsored by State Representative James Brosnahan, the academy meets on Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. - noon, through June

29. The session offers an overview of police department operations, including 911, patrol procedures, and crime scene processing.

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St. Laurence's Bertucci headed to Naval Academy

St. Laurence High School senior Vince Bertucci of Oak Lawn is congratulated by Lt. Commander Robert Casey of the United States Navy at the school's annual "Awards and Recognition Night." Bertucci, a straight "A" student and a two-sport athlete, will be attending the Naval Academy next fall. He is also one of three St. Laurence students who were accepted to two of the country's prestigious military academies. Two other students will be attending West Point.

St. Laurence's Martinez headed to West Point

St. Laurence High School senior, Joe Martinez of Chicago's Garfield Ridge community, is congratulated by Sgt. Bruce A. Bovenkerk of the United States Army at the School's annual "Awards and Recognition Night." Martinez, a straight "A" student and a three-sport athlete, will be attending West Point Military Academy next fall.

Two St. Laurence baseball players sign with Robert Morris College

Brother Michael Segvich, Athletic Director for St. Laurence High School, and Mike Corbett, head baseball coach, at the Burbank School, have announced that two players have signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at Robert Morris College.

Jim Grabner (Justice) and Eric Jagodzinski (Chicago Ridge) recently met with Robert Morris Assistant Baseball Coach, Ed Mahay, at St. Laurence to make the official commitment.

Grabner plays third and pitches for St. Laurence. Through eighteen games, he had a .377 batting average in 108 innings played and 53 at bats. On the mound, he had one win and one loss with a 3.50 earned run average.

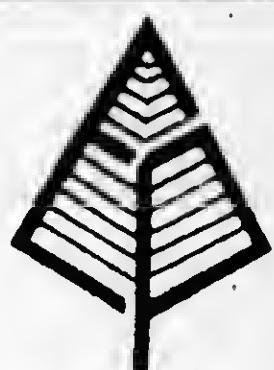
Meanwhile, Jagodzinski pitches and also sees limited action at shortstop. Through eighteen games, he has a 2-2 record on the mound with a 1.63 earned run average.

Dinosaur discoveries

Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham, will kick off its summer reading program, "Time Trek Readers," on Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. with an exciting dinosaur program.

The program will be presented by "Paleontologist Illinois Bones," a.k.a. Chris-

tine Buik from Chicago Region Interpreters in Downers Grove and is open to children and their families who are enrolled in the summer reading program. Buik will bring life-sized replicas of several dinosaur bones to use in her presentation about meat and plant eating dinosaurs. Registration is encouraged and can be done in person or by calling the library at 708-423-7753.



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Moraine Valley announces winner in student art exhibit

Moraine Valley will exhibit winners of their student art exhibit at the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Winners are Sonia Ziad of Oak Lawn for "Untitled Painting," an oil painting on canvas, Best of Show; Kristine O'Reilly of Palos Park for "Hands 1, 2, and 3," a digital photograph, First Place; Kimberly Wallace of Tinley Park for "Self Portrait," an oil painting on canvas, Second Place; and Desueiges Gidalman of Burbank for "Girlie #1," a photograph, Third Place.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Chris Sutor of Willow Springs for "Gateway," a ceramic; California Roach of Garden Homes for "Nude with Bottles," a newspaper and charcoal collage; Susan Cataldo of Worth for "Youth: Promise of a Bright Future," a manipulated photograph; and Pam Lawrence of Palos Hills for "Fish," an acrylic on canvas.

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Argonne Internships awarded to Daley students

Eight students at Daley College have been selected for summer internships at the internationally known Argonne National Laboratories in Batavia. These students, including six from the

Little Company Breast Center extends mammography hours

The Breast Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has recently increased its mammography hours to better serve consumer needs. The new hours are 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Saturdays, mammography is available from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The new hours will ensure that patients will not have to wait to make an appointment for a mammogram.

Located in lower level of the Mary Potter Pavilion, Little Company's Breast Center offers a convenient, homelike environment with female technologists to make your visit as pleasant as possible. To make an appointment, or for more information about the Breast Center please call 708-499-8550.

Daley College honors program, were selected from candidates applying from throughout the Midwest region. These eight awards were among the total of 25 internships awarded to in the thirteen colleges invited to submit nominations.

Argonne National Laboratory, operated by the University of Chicago, is one of the Department of Energy's largest research centers. Scientists based at Argonne work on research and development in the basic sciences, energy, and environmental management. Internship students will work on projects such as development of a database on cancer research and research relating to DNA testing, and will receive a weekly stipend. The summer internships are part of a program of the Department of Energy, and are part of the department's Institute of Biotechnology, Environmental Science, and Computing.



Lourdes High School Show Chorus

The Lourdes High School Show chorus, under the direction of Mariagnes Menden and Josephine Gomez, traveled to Charleston, South Carolina to compete in the Charleston Classic Music Festival. The chorus, composed of 33 young ladies, competed with students from New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Toronto, Quebec and Massachusetts. The Lourdes Show Chorus received a superior rating for their performance of "A Gershwin Portrait." One adjudicator stated, "This is a truly fine group! These young women are obviously dedicated to producing an outstanding show and they have been blessed with two excellent teachers who have led them to do just that." The Lourdes Show Chorus was the only school to receive a superior rating in the festival.

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Mother McAuley students visit New York

Sixteen girls enrolled in the theatre program at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago, spent most of their spring break visiting New York City.

Rachel Franker, Janna Wilkie, Nicole Petruskas, Andrea Prestinario, Angie Pierzchalski, Elizabeth Megremis, Sandy Wagner, Becky Finn, Sara Sotelo, Besan Shalabi, Kelly Ramig, Stephanie McMahon, Shannon Bracken, Megan Wright, and Katie Barber all journeyed east to experience the sites and sounds of New York.

Accompanied by the theatre department chairperson, Mrs. Patricia Haynes, and Senior parent, Mrs. Roseanne Wilkie, the group saw five Broadway shows and three musicals including: "Revival," "Annie Get Your Gun," and "Foot-

loose." They also saw one drama entitled "Night Must Fall," and one off-Broadway show called, "I Love You, Your Wonderful, Now Change."

Besides all the shows, the girls were also able to visit some sites and even ran into some stars. The group visited Central Park, Greenwich Village, the top of the Empire State Building, Little Italy, Chinatown, Macy's, the Statue of Liberty, and went on the 5th Avenue walking tour. While strolling along in New York, some famous stars such as Matthew Broderick, Bernadette Peters and Brian Dennehy were spotted.

Junior, Rachel Franker, was one of the young ladies who participated in the trip to New York and said, "Going on the trip to New York was one of the best experiences I ever had."

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Goals: Why They Work and Why We Need Them

By David R. Sayre



"If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there." It is often said that most American families spend more time planning their summer vacation than they do their financial future. Your financial future has more to do with how you plan, dream, visualize, and set goals than you can imagine. It is not enough to "wish success" or to "dream financial independence." To succeed, your financial future must be written down. You have to set aside some time and make a commitment to yourself that getting your financial life in order is important. Please don't think that merely wanting to be "rich" will get you there. The same way you would use a map for the family vacation, you should "map" your financial life and future. For example, I have worked with many retirees who have done a tremendous job of saving and investing during their working lives. Although accumulating wealth is a worthwhile pursuit it is only half of the equation. Many of these folks never followed through to protect their estates by using wills and/or trusts. In my opinion, this is where working with a competent, trusted, and knowledgeable Financial Advisor makes all of the difference in the world. In addition to providing ongoing guidance and support, you should be encouraged to set goals, write them down, and check your progress on a regular basis.

As another school year comes to an end, and summer rapidly approaches, I would encourage all of our readers to take some quality time out and begin writing down some financial and personal goals for 1999 and beyond.

Here's some help to get you started...

- 1.) Where do we want to retire?
- 2.) When do we want to retire?
- 3.) Where will our children/grandchildren go to college?
- 4.) How much can we set aside now to afford college?
- 5.) How do I want to provide for my children and/or grandchildren?
- 6.) How do I want to provide for my favorite charity?

Be specific! Use dollar amounts, dates, and most importantly be honest with yourself. By writing down your goals, you have made a physical and mental commitment to yourself to accomplish them. Don't ask me why goals work they just work!

Next issue: After the Goals, Where Do We Start?

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State effort lures Sprint PCS and 1,200 new jobs to Will County

Governor George H. Ryan announced that Sprint PCS will locate its new Customer Care Center in Bolingbrook, creating 1,200 new high-tech jobs.

The 105,000 square foot facility, located at 245 Cross Roads Parkway, is expected to become one of the top ten employers in Will County.

"Sprint PCS considered several states in its search for the right site for this high-technology customer care center," said Ryan, who personally recruited Sprint Chairman and CEO William Esrey to bring the project to Illinois.

Sprint PCS, a 100 percent digital nationwide PCS wireless carrier, plans to invest about \$17 million in the new customer care center, including about \$8 million in machinery, equipment and computers. The new center will handle new customer accounts, customer inquiries, account changes, service

questions and other customer-related activities.

"The Chicagoland area is not only a great place to locate our newest Customer Care Center, but also an area that we treasure highly as a part of the Sprint PCS nationwide wireless network," said Keith Paglusch, senior vice president of operations for Sprint PCS. "We look forward to the day when the center opens and when area residents not only begin to assist our valued customers but also serve as important ambassadors of Sprint PCS."

To help Sprint PCS locate the new facility, the state will provide grants from the Industrial Training Program to help train new employees in the use of high-tech computer equipment that will be used at the new customer care center. The TIP program is administered by the state Department of Commerce and Community Af-

fairs, which led the state and local effort to land the call center.

In addition to the ITP grants, State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka has pledged to provide low-interest financing to cover the company's costs of locating in Will County.

"As the state's banker, I have made economic development one of my top priorities," Treasurer Topinka said. "Working together with Governor Ryan on projects like this will illustrate to other companies the values of expanding, locating, and staying in Illinois."

The Sprint PCS project won early support from the Will County Board, which agreed in April to offer the company a five-year property tax abatement that is expected to total \$34,000.

The Sprint PCS Customer Care Center is expected to be fully operational in October.

Kindermusik

By Jude Coyle

The Oak Lawn Park District is offering Kindermusik classes this summer. This is

a three part program. The village encourages newborns through age 18 months through song and exploration. *Creatures of the Sea*

teaches children from toddler to age four about the sea and the creatures in it by use of song and movement. A CD-ROM is included for home use. *Near and Far* teaches children from ages four through seven about environments throughout the world.

To register, please call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708/857-2200, or Kindermusik Instructor, Jackie Remillard at 773/545-9697. A web site is also available at www.kindermusik.com.

Extinguishing tobacco taxes

By Steve Madden

Rather than cutting taxes at a time of record surpluses, Congress and the President are looking for new ways to fund their wasteful government spending programs. And they think they've found one in shaking down tobacco companies. Surely no one would dare defend companies who allegedly prey on our children? Besides, they can afford it, right? Well let's take a look at the real world impact of the "war on tobacco."

First of all, the government is the real profiteer from cigarette sales. A recent New York Times Magazine article pointed out that, for every pack of Marlboro cigarettes sold in New York City, the cigarette company makes 28 cents, while the government makes \$1.61 - nearly five times more!

But, the government wants even more money. The Clinton Administration has proposed suing the to-

bacco companies, and, if they settle or win, smokers could see prices jump even higher, providing more money to fuel the growth of government. Congress already has proposed raising taxes on tobacco companies this year. Most of these costs will simply be passed along and smokers could see yet another jump in prices.

What is especially ironic is that many who claim to be defenders of the poor and continually call for "fairness" are championing the fight against "Big Tobacco." Well, what is fair about these taxes?

Tobacco taxes disproportionately hit lower-income Americans. A 1998 Tax Foundation Study found that tobacco taxes are especially regressive because smokers tend to consume the same amounts regardless of income, and smoking prevalence is greater at lower incomes. According to the study, those with incomes under \$30,000 pay 53.6 percent of current tobacco taxes.

To put this into perspective, in 1996 the bottom 50 percent of individual taxpayers (those with incomes under approximately \$32,000) paid just 4.3 percent of individual federal income taxes. The relative impact of tobacco excise taxes is much more pronounced. Under the current federal tobacco tax, individuals with incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 bear over 20 times the tax burden as a percentage of adjusted gross income as those making between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

And where will the money go? Just where it went in states which received tobacco settlement awards, new government spending. Clinton's budget calls for at least \$158 billion in new domestic spending, including a \$20 million plan to hire more lawyers at the Justice Department just to figure out how to sue the tobacco companies.

In Washington, though, this is how tax policy works.

There is a strong temptation to single out worthy Americans who should receive "targeted" tax cuts for engaging in government-approved behavior or targeting taxes for Americans engaging in disapproved behavior.

This thinking starts with the fundamentally incorrect principle that it's Washington's money. It's your money and you shouldn't be forced to send your money to Washington and then jump through hoops in hopes of getting any of it back.

At a time of record projected budget surpluses, Washington should be returning money to all working Americans, not taxing some to ease the burden on others. Congress should avoid choosing the winners in tax relief, just as it should oppose taxes that pick American smokers as losers.

Steve Madden is Deputy Director of Tax & Budget Policy at Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE)

Foundation. CSE Foundation is a 250,000 member grassroots organization that educates consumers on market-based solutions to public policy problems.



Oak Lawn resident receives Quality Improvement Process Award

Dave Heimerdinger, of Oak Lawn, is a recipient of Air Comfort Corporation's 1998 Quality Improvement Process Award, announced Tim Smerz, company president. Air Comfort is one of the Chicago area's oldest and largest companies providing heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) services to commercial buildings.

Heimerdinger, Service Supervisor for Air Comfort Corporation, received the award for his "excellence within the Applied Equipment group," said Smerz. "He coordinated an enormous amount of new business for Air Comfort, implemented successful quality-

assurance changes in the shop checkout procedures, and developed and conducted a training class on absorption principles. In addition, he participated in a QIP group which worked to make improvements in the billing cycle." The company began its awards program in 1993.

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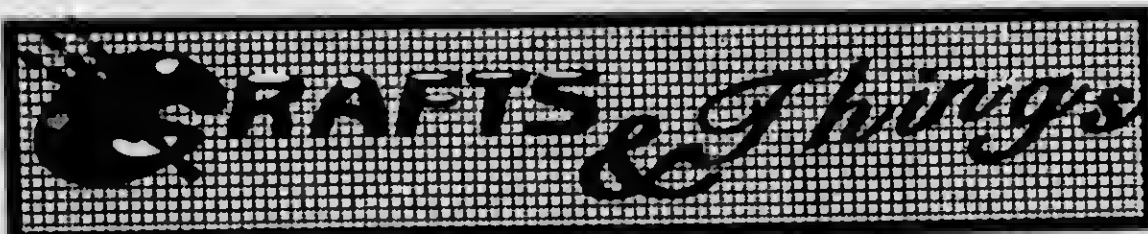
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Governor signs school antiviolence measures

A series of new laws could make schools in Illinois safer for children, according to State Sen. Christine Radogno.

The LaGrange Senator is the sponsor of several bills as part of the new "Safe to Learn" program - an initiative of Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan - that were

signed into law by Gov. George Ryan.

"Each one of these new laws will help deter violence in schools, from imposing serious penalties for students who bring a weapon to school to providing grants to schools to beef up security and institute antiviolence programs," said Radogno

(R-LaGrange). "We own it to our children to encourage a safe learning environment so they know that there are still places that they can be protected."

Radogno is the sponsor of House Bill 1193 and Senate Bill 757 that create the "Safe to Learn" grant program. Schools can apply for grants to improve safety and provide antiviolence programs, including building security, violence prevention and in-

tervention, crisis management and training for school employees.

The Senator also sponsored.

- House Bill 1201 - Increases penalties to a Class X felony for purchasing a gun and giving it to a minor who does not possess a valid firearm owners' Identification Card;

- Senate Bill 759 - Allows juveniles 15 years

old and older to be prosecuted in adult court if they commit crimes with guns at or near a school and requires judges to transfer those cases to an adult court;

- House Bill 1194 - Requires the principal to immediately notify police - and parents - if a student has a gun at school. Additionally mandates that a criminal complaint is filed and a psychiatric evalua-

tion is given to determine if the student is a risk to themselves or others.

- Also signed into law as part of the "Safe to Learn" program is House Bill 1195. The bill allows a judge to impose an extended sentence when a person fires a gun into a building or vehicle that they know is occupied, and imposes a Class X felony if the building or vehicle is school property.

Rose Stanart nominee for "Woman of the Year"

Rose Stanart is the 1999-2000 nominee for "Woman of the Year" from Our Lady of the Snows. Married to her late husband, Edgar, for 45 years, they relocated to Stickney from Minneapolis, Minnesota and raised five children and six grandchildren. Rose was a night shift nurse's aid at Christ Hospital and eventually ward secretary. Her love of baking and sewing have filled her family and parish life. Rose has generously served C.C.W. for 25 years as membership and liturgy chairperson and as secretary and vice-president. She brings Communion to shut-ins, repairs and washes altar serv-

ers vestments, cleans the church weekly and sings in the regular and funeral choirs. Rose acts as a monthly Bingo captain and serves her community as vice-president of the Stickney Senior Citizens. Her sewing and crocheting skills have created sacramental apparel for her family and baptismal robes for her church family.

Rose will be honored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Vicariate V, at the Woman of the Year Luncheon at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills. Twenty of her family and friends will accompany her.

Maria student recognized for outstanding leadership

Erin Powell '00 was selected to represent Maria High School at the Executive Women International Student Recognition Awards

Dinner. The dinner was held at the Chicago Symphony Center. Tom Jennings, Maria High School Guidance Counselor sponsored and accompanied Erin at the dinner. The Executive Women International Program identifies and recognizes high school juniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential and who plan to pursue a busi-

ness career or any professional field of study. Erin belongs to many clubs at Maria including the Mystics Messengers and the Latin Club, as well as being an honor student. Erin graduated from St. Nicholas of Tolentine Grammar School and belongs to their parish.



Erin Powell

Tonya & Herb Schuh, Jr.
Story on Pg. 9

Governor signs child access bill into law

State Rep. Eileen Lyons (R-17) joined Governor George Ryan at a ceremony held recently for the signing of the Child Access Prevention Act. This bill, which was cosponsored by Rep. Lyons, will safeguard children from loaded guns.

"We need to keep firearms away from children," Lyons said. "The less access kids have to guns, the less accidental shootings we will have."

The Child Access Prevention legislation requires gun owners to secure loaded weapons stored in their homes or other premises under their control to prevent children from access to them by either:

- Placing a trigger lock on the weapon;
- Storing the weapon in a secured lock box; or
- Taking other precautions in storing the weapon so that a reasonable person would believe it was sufficient to prevent minors from gaining access to the firearm.

"This law is not designed to infringe on anyone's rights," Governor Ryan said. This law is designed to prevent innocent children from injuring or killing themselves or others."

The consequences for gun owners who improperly store guns can be anything from jail time to fines up to \$1,000. However, if a minor accesses the gun through burglary or in self-defense, then the gun owner is not responsible. Ryan said that since Illinois ranks second in nationwide youth homicide, these tougher penalties are justified.

"At least one child in Illinois is unintentionally killed by gunfire every month, and that's one child too many," Governor Ryan said.

"Guns are very dangerous if they get into the hands of children and irresponsible people," Lyons said. "Now we have a law that limits a child's access to guns by requiring gun owners to store their firearms in a safe and responsible place."

13th Ward office sells vehicle stickers

By Jude Coyle

Alderman Frank Olivo in cooperation with Committeeman Michael J. Madigan is offering the residents of

Bus trip to Rose Festival

The Midway Garden Society is planning a bus trip to the Rose Festival at the Boerner Botanical Gardens, Hales Corners, Wisconsin on Saturday, June 26th. The cost of \$14 does not include lunch.

Departure is from Archer and Rutherford at 8 a.m. and returning around 8 p.m. Non members are welcome. For reservations, call (773) 847-6892.

the 13th ward another opportunity to purchase their Chicago vehicle stickers from the 13th Ward Office. That day is Monday, June 28, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The 13th ward democratic Service Office is located in the Balzekas Museum at 6500 S. Pulaski Road, on the second floor. Residents should bring completed renewal applications and a check or money order. Passenger stickers are \$60. Senior stickers are \$30, and Class A truck stickers are \$85.

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Traveling abroad? Rules you should note

By Rosalie Thompson
Social Security Field Office Manager

A friend of mine who will be visiting her daughter in Ireland for an extended period this summer had a number of questions about whether her Social Security or Medicare coverage would be affected.

If you are receiving Social Security checks and you plan to travel outside the United States this summer, there are several rules you should note. For example, you should consider having your check sent directly to the bank. You should also be familiar with how your Medicare coverage works outside the U.S.

First, sending your check directly to a bank - Direct Deposit - has several advantages. For instance, you never have to worry about your check being lost or stolen. It also makes funds available to you even when you are not here to cash your checks.

If you get sick or hurt while traveling, you should know that, generally, Medicare does not pay for hospital or medical services outside the U.S. However, there are three exceptions if you are in Mexico or Canada.

If you plan to stay outside the country more than 30 days, other rules may apply. Call Social Security's toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 and ask for a copy of the booklet, *Social Security: Your Payments While You Are Outside The United States* (Publication No. 05-10137).

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Worth meeting worth repeating

By Jude Coyle

The Committee Meeting began at 7:40 p.m. Mayor James Bilder, Clerk Pat Miller, Attorney Donna McDonald, Trustees Mark Meany, Sharon Wierenga, Frank Bonham, Georgia Duffy, and Edward Guzdziol attended. Trustee John O'Connell did not attend.

Mayor Bilder read a Letter of Commendation and presented a plaque bearing the 'Key to the Village' to Investigator Martin Knolmayer. Knolmayer was called in when the nephew of an 88 year old woman noticed unexplained A.T.M. transactions on her account. Knolmayer was able to link the missing cash to an insurance salesman who had been doing business with the woman for some time. During an interview, it became

apparent that the salesman had planned to defraud the woman of over \$151,000 in assets, and had secured money from her. The man was charged with Felony Theft, and most of the money was recovered. The man also lost his license to sell insurance.

Next, the mayor opened the floor to updates on area road construction. Daniel E. McCain, Chief of Staff for Cook County Commissioner Herbert T. Schumann, Jr., sent a letter to Mayor Bilder concerning the status of projects in the county's jurisdiction. Opticom, a device to change the color of lights when emergency vehicles approached, is 98% completed at Ridgeland and 115th Street. The intersection of 103rd and Ridgeland

will receive a similar device next year. Work should begin in February.

Scott J. Dworschak, Governmental and Community Affairs Manager for the Illinois State Tollway Authority reported that a number of bridges between 95th Street and 163rd Street are undergoing resurfacing and substructure work. Completion depends on the weather. When work can be done, lanes will be closed between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Al Zanzola, Area Construction Supervisor of the Illinois Department of Transportation reported that the Southwest Highway Bridge should open by September 30, and work should be completed by October 14th. I.D.O.T. is painting bridges. The Harlem Avenue bridge over the Cal Sag should be done by July 1, weather permitting. The last section of 111th should be completed by June 16th. Contracts for work on the ramps at 95th and Harlem have not been awarded yet. Work is expected to begin on July 1st. Ramps will be partially closed during the weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. On the weekends, ramps will be closed from Friday at 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday.

Funding has become available through the help of State's Senator Patrick O'Malley and Representative Maggie Crotty on the following projects: \$450,000 for a new fire station, \$75,000 for ball fields, \$15,000 for an after school activity program, \$5,000 for the library, \$2,000 for the Worth Historical Society.

Complaints about the efficiency of the Worth Post Office have reached District Director J.R. Olden, Jr. of Bedford Park. He has initiated plans to expand

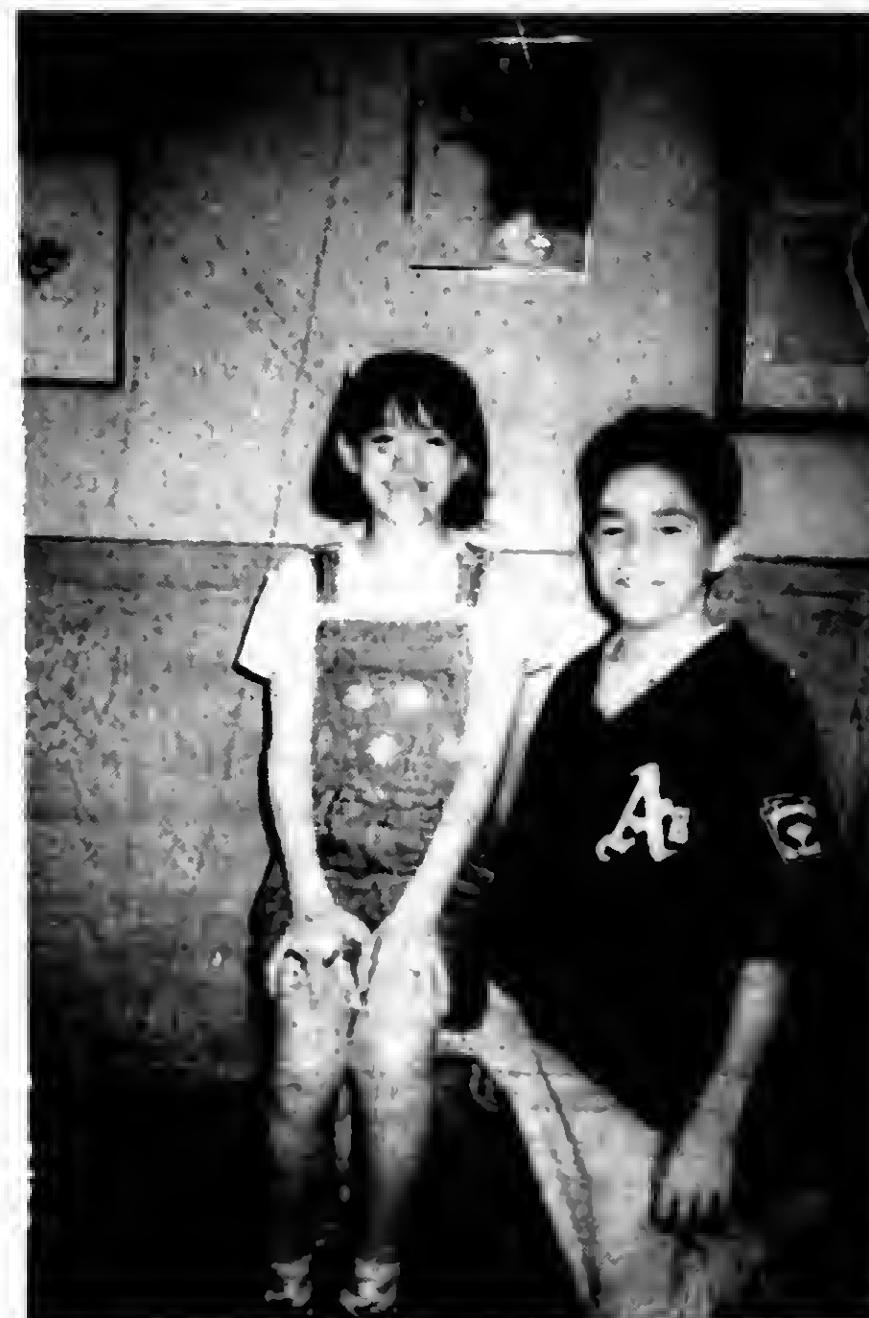
the present building. Besides working space, this will include a store for mailing supplies. A public hearing is scheduled for June 15.

Because of construction on the Southwest Highway Bridge, Nagle and other streets have taken a great deal of the overflow. The police department borrowed a device to count vehicles, and set it up on Nagle. In one day, it counted better than 1,200 vehicles. A motion was made to erect signs limiting traffic to residents on Nagle and adjoining streets.

Trustee Wierenga asked for approval of a business license application for Baneline Mortgage Co., of 6901 W. 111th Street. She also asked for adult volunteers to supervise teenagers working on community service projects.

Trustee Bonham reported that he and Trustee Guzdziol are busy with the boat ramp. He asked for approval for expenditures of \$40,000 for floating docks at the south end of the boat ramp; for \$38,000 for 60 foot pine treated gangways with 4 ft. high safety rails; \$7,000 - \$8,000 for concrete walkways, and \$59,000 for 4 loads of stone for the parking lot.

Trustee Guzdziol wanted to experiment over the summer, by not having an attorney present during meetings. Two meetings prior, the trustee motioned that Odelson and Sterk be replaced by another firm because their fees had increased drastically. A vote was called then, with him, Trustees O'Connell and Wierenga voting for the motion. The mayor stated then that he would recall the vote when Trustee Duffy, who did not attend that meeting, was present. At the following meeting, the board voted again, this time three to three. The mayor cast a tie breaking vote in favor of retaining Odelson and Sterk. The proposition that the attorney should not be present



Ashley Krucek and Donald Fitzgibbons

Sabre Room presents Nuptial Nonsense

The Sabre Room, located at 8900 W. 95th Street, will present a musical comedy by Don Gautreaux on June 18, 19, 25 and 26. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and show time at 8 p.m. Dinner and show - \$37.50, show only - \$22.50. For more information call 708-430-4316

at meetings was greeted with reluctance. Trustees Duffy and Meany both indicated that they felt that work completed without an attorney's input would be useless. Trustee Guzdziol replied that the board was made up of intelligent individuals and that the attorney usually made only one decision a night. That he, Guzdziol, was concerned about the 'purse strings of the village.' Mayor Bilder put an end to the discussion by reading a letter addressed to Village Clerk Pat Miller. Kelly Kelts, Production Vice President of Arthur J. Gallagher and Company, their insurance broker, felt that this wasn't a prudent measure. The board would

be opened to a greater liability that might impact the cost of insurance as well as the deductible.

Trustee Guzdziol then reported that he had received complaints from residents about village officials requiring building permits for maintenance projects. He wanted to know if a standard existed defining preventative maintenance projects and projects large enough to require building permits. Trustee Duffy and Building Commissioner Joe Johnson reported they were working on such a standard, and that residents should call the Building Department when beginning any project.



All invited to Strawberry Festival

Between bites of strawberry shortcake, Kathy Zemovich and Timmy Hennessy would like to invite you to attend the 9th Annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 27th at the Palos United Methodist Church, 121st and Harlem Ave. in Palos Heights. Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings will also be served. Activities will include children's games, a craft sale and a variety of delicious treats at the bake sale. The hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch and dessert is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Dessert only for \$3.00. Tickets will be available at the door. Please phone the church office at 448-0798 if you have any questions.

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Krispy Kreme development

By: F.J. Soczek

The Village of Oak Lawn held a special meeting June 22nd to discuss the proposed creation of "Business District No. 1" on 95th Street between 54th Ave. and 54th Court, extending North beyond the existing commercial properties to include three private homes. The total area is approximately 1.12 acres.

Pursuant to Title 1 of the Oak Lawn Village Code, the latter ordinances were proposed to be amended because it was considered to be "essential to the economic and social welfare of the Village that business districts be maintained and revitalized by assuring opportunities for development or redevelopment."

The proposal further suggests that by attracting sound and stable commercial growth, the tax base of the Village and employment opportunities within the Village will be enhanced.

Only two viable businesses remain on this block situated within the prime 95th St. business district. Wind Records and AHM Mechanical would be forced to re-locate should the proposal be adopted.

The primarily "carry out" traffic would enter from 54th Ct. and travel in a path to the East and exit on 54th Ave. at the existing traffic light. Up to 20 cars could be accommodated on the property should waiting lines be necessary.

Representatives from Krispy Kreme gave a brief presentation. First began in the late 1930's and franchised throughout the Southern United States, Krispy Kreme has developed a cult-like following due to its regional exclusivity. The first Chicago area franchise opened last Fall on 57th & Harlem Ave. in Summit, IL. to a phenomenal reception. A half-dozen Krispy Kreme shops are initially planned in Cook County.

Mr. Eric Sigurdson and Bob Elkan of Krispy Kreme noted the proposed 4300 square foot facility would seat 50 to 60 people and produce up to 260 dozen doughnuts per hour.

Mr. Sigurdson also noted that while he favored the Oak Lawn site, at least a half-dozen "alternate" locations are in consideration should negotiations with the Village and property owners fail.

The contractual language of the proposed agreement requires the property developer (Krispy Kreme, aka Sweet Traditions of Illinois) to purchase all real estate (commercial and private) prior to development on the site for \$1.2 million.

The Village will retain the option to "subsidize" amounts exceeding the latter sum using projected sales tax receipts.

As part of the agreement between Krispy Kreme and the Village of Oak Lawn, the Village shall obtain a commitment for condemnation of the PRIVATE PARCELS from a title insurance company acceptable to the developer within 90 days after the agreement.

The "agreement" further

states "If the owners are unwilling to negotiate or accept the offer (for the sale of their homes,) the Village may promptly begin condemnation proceedings against the owners...and pay the owners the amount determined by the court to be just compensation for the property."

Krispy Kreme will, according to the proposal, pay for the "costs" of the condemnation proceedings, along with "reasonable" attorneys fees.

The initial response of home owners and business people located in "ground zero" of the development has been one of qualified resignation.

Sensing the assured premium financial compensation in an already distressed real estate market, none of those located within the target area voiced an outright refusal to participate in the plan.

Mr. Ed Brand, a homeowner in the proposed district, read a letter he said was written by his daughter, asking that they remain in their home.

Mrs. Walsh, also a homeowner in the targeted area, appeared resigned to her fate and addressed her concerns for her neighbors who would remain subsequent her departure.

The Village Board voted to unanimously postpone any decision until the next formal meeting.



Chief Tom Evoy, Sheahan Marge Eklund and Rose Fiedler Brosnahan and Vacco

Seniors learn to protect themselves

By Jude Coyle

Fifty seniors from Evergreen Park and the surrounding area graduated from the Cook County Sheriff's Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy on Tuesday, June 29, 1999. This program was put together two years ago by Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan to help open lines of communication between seniors and the police, to aid community policing, to pass along safety information, and to make seniors more comfortable with law enforcement. This particular class was sponsored by State Representative James Brosnahan. Participants met each Tuesday morning for five weeks beginning on June 1, at the Evergreen Park Village Hall.

Sheriff Sheahan, Representative Brosnahan and Mayor Anthony Vacco spoke each welcoming the participants and thanking them for their interest. With the help of Evergreen Park Police Chief Tom Evoy, participants were presented certificates.

Janet Giese of Blue Island said she felt more comfortable by what she has learned.

Sheriff's deputies, like Deputy Dave Feller, and local law enforcement officials, like Sergeant Wayne Gutkowski, of the Evergreen Park Police Department, discussed personal safety, elder abuse, neighborhood watch groups, scams, etc.

Katie Cochran coordinates the program. She schedules 25 classes a year, enrolls the students and helps to conduct the meetings. The first class had 25 participants, and the one just prior to this had grown to over 90. Katie has conducted classes in Ford Heights, in Barrington, and many places in between.

Katie told of how she was pulled aside at the graduation ceremony in Rosemont. One of the participants reported receiving a phone call from the Canadian Mounted Police asking for a donation, and had nearly sent one. Katie reported it to the Rosemont Police. Another woman called Katie after she finished the program a contractor insisted that the woman ordered a roof she didn't need. The Sheriff's Police helped to resolve that

situation. Stories like these, Katie finds reassuring. That the participants thus far have learned not to be scammed. Then she laughed about one woman who tried to cross police lines using the badge the Sheriff issues all participants. The woman was astounded when her badge wasn't accepted.

The Sheriff's Police is the third largest police department in the state, right after the City of Chicago and the State. They are responsible for the largest single site jail in the world. Over 101,000 individuals were incarcerated last year, and no one has escaped from Cook County jail in the past 4-1/2 years. The Sheriff's Police is responsible for boot camps. According to the Sheriff, this is a viable alternative to jail time for non violent criminals. Whereas many have become violent while serving time, of 1000 boot camp graduates, over 48% were found jobs. He remarked how much better it is that these individuals support themselves rather than be supported with tax dollars.



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Historic condemnation

Historic Condemnation

By: F.J. Soczek

With portentous articulation, the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees discussed and passed in November, 1995 an ordinance "to amend the Village code in regard to the preservation of historic buildings, districts, landmarks and structures within the Village."

The following year, another ordinance was passed creating the Oak Lawn Historic Preservation Commission, consisting of nine members appointed by the mayor. The members (with two year terms) commit to meet once a month in the Oak Lawn Library.

One of the projects noted in a pamphlet published by the Commission is to "Work with local, state and federal governments to acquire grants to improve historic areas in the Village."

Another duty of the Commission is to advise the Village on issues of historical significance.

Oak Lawn has relatively few remaining "historic" or architecturally distinctive structures. A *Guide to Historic Sites in Oak Lawn* published some years ago by the Oak Lawn Library listed 26, but most exist only as fading photographs preserved for future generations on microfilm and now the World Wide Web.

One architecturally unique "survivor," the *Chiappetta House*, 5418 W. 95th St. was so enshrined in the latter "Hall of Fame" of historic sites. By some strange twist of fate, the Victorian era structure managed to withstand, with bold defiance, the ravages of "progress" and the immutable forces of modernization.

Under the less than watchful gaze of the nine members on the "Historic Preservation Committee," this centenarian 95th St. legacy (along with the little cottage-like building next door) was reduced to dust in 1998.

There was little doubt it met the criteria for historic designation: "Its exemplification of an architectural type, style or design distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness or overall quality or design, materials or craftsmanship" (Ordinance No. 95-22-98, 6-16-7 C) or "Its unique location or distinctive physical appearance or presence representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the Village" (6-16-7 H) or "Its exemplification of a pattern of neighborhood development or settlement significant to the traditions of the village, whose components may lack individual distinction."

The *Chiappetta House* clearly represented a tangible and irreplaceable link to the past and seemed

to typify the spirit of the 7 page ordinance.

"But it was decaying," said one Historic Committee member. Decaying. So is the Alamo.

True; this is not Colonial Williamsburg. Or the Vieux Carre. Or to quote the perennial Village gadfly, Andy Skoundrianos, "This ain't even Blue Island."

Visit any of the more enlightened communities and you will find a cherished relationship involving similar structures, often involving a creative and adaptive re-use. Geneva. St. Charles. Long Grove. Frankfort. Lockport. Old Orchard. And (in particular) Blue Island.

"Urban Land Institute statistics show 75 per cent of all large American cities are experiencing the restoration of old buildings, as well as one half of all smaller cities." (*Return to the City*, R. Reed)

The lengthy ordinance failed to even acknowledge Cook School, the sole National Historic Landmark located within the Village.

"The following Historic Buildings, Landmarks and/or Structures have received Official Historic Designation by the Village Board pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter 16: None" (6-16-9B)

Additionally declared in the mission statement of the Historic Preservation ordinance, "It is the purpose of this Chapter to strengthen the economy of the Village by protecting, defining and enhancing Buildings, Districts, Landmarks and Structures that are significant in the history of the Village."

Except for the brief mention in an out of print pamphlet, the *Chiappetta House* was neither defined, protected nor enhanced by those who meet as a committee to address such matters...or sign their names as Village Trustees.

It was destroyed. As was an attractive vintage home at 9444 S. 51st Ave.

What might have been the genesis of an historic district is now the target for a business district. One business. And that business will no doubt be forced to comply with the derisive plastic pot and petunia aesthetic called conformity.

And a haunting sense of something lost is all that prevails.



Worth Township Supervisor, John F. Murphy

Boy Scout garners school supplies for needy children

Supervisor John F. Murphy congratulates Tim McDonald of Alsip who is working on obtaining his Eagle Rank in the Boy Scouts. Tim was honored at the Worth Township Board Meeting for collecting school supplies for needy children for the Apple Tree Program of the Youth Commission. Tim distributed flyers to township residents and arranged to pick up the school supplies. Tim received service hours for this project to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Through his help, many residents of Worth Township received school supplies.

Burbank Chamber hosts golf outing

On July 22nd the Burbank Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 21st annual golf outing at Silver Lakes County Club. There will be cash prizes, complimentary team photos, golfer "goody bags", coffee, snacks, beverages, lunch break plus a chance to win a "car" sponsored by Michael Kasch (Kasch Fine Care) for a hole-in-one on a designated hole. A "Golfer's Only Raffle" for a set of clubs and bag, a Grand Raffle (evening) with approximately 100 prizes to be won, plus a fabulous dinner and cocktail hours.

There are a limited number of tee-times available, so call now! There is also several sponsorships still available to advertise your business. For more information and/or reservations, call Chairman Cathy Webb (Prairie Bank and Trust) 708/599-0100 or Judy Balestri at the Burbank Chamber Office 708/425-4668



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Confusion strikes most districts

By Jude Coyle

The Senate News reported that Senator Patrick O'Malley has sponsored a bill allowing one time grants to our schools for the July 1, 1999 thru 2000 fiscal year. This is a \$394 million statewide increase. The Southwest Suburban Triad will receive \$7.3 million. The increases should help provide capital improvements, new teachers, technological upgrades, reading programs, etc.

I called area school districts. I wanted to know what each district planned to do with the extra money, but what I found was confusing at best. Officials I spoke to had heard conflicting reports and dollar amounts from outside sources, and until notified by the State, did not want to count on extra revenue.

Most school districts are dealing with the residual effects of lost revenue due to the inception of the 1995 property tax cap. Some areas have a sound business and industrial base, but most fund their school systems through property taxes. When the tax cap went into effect, a number of referendums giving more money to the schools fell by the wayside. Houses were evaluated by older standards, thus holding tax dol-

lars down. Populations are changing and that is becoming a problem. In some areas, like Blue Island and Evergreen Park, the elderly are selling their homes to young families with school age children. In other areas, new subdivisions are going in. Yet another problem schools are facing is an influx of immigrants. Blue Island has an expanding Hispanic Community. Chicago Ridge, Worth and other communities are finding that they are now home to a wide variety of peoples, including Arab and Eastern Europeans, and have had to sink more money into English as a second language programs, and hire bilingual aides.

Palos Community Consolidated School District 118 is slated to receive \$274,015. They were told that they would get \$18,000, which isn't enough to hire a teacher, but maybe enough to hire an aide. The State Education Office told them that whatever they were slated for, they will not receive the entire amount. Any outside grants they receive are put into technology. Classrooms and computer labs have outdated equipment.

Evergreen Park Elementary

School District 118 is slated to receive \$773,026. As the student community in this school district dropped in earlier years, empty classrooms were used for technology labs. Now that the community is changing again, more classrooms are needed. This school district is planning to place two mobile units in the parking lot of one school to serve as sixth grade classrooms. Remaining funds will be used to balance the budget.

Alsip Hazelgreen Oak Lawn School District is slated to receive \$144,741. This school district is better off than most, but is beginning to feel the pinch. The student population has increased steadily over the years, but that is about to change as new subdivisions are built. Any additional funding will be put into technical upgrades and staff development.

Worth School District is to receive \$491,037. The district has passed a funding referendum in '93, but lost it due to the '95 property tax cap. With the help of extra funding, they are planning to hire three new special education teachers, and whatever is left they will use to purchase much needed furniture.

Palos Heights School District 128 is to receive \$70,314. Officials from Palos Heights report that they are not aware of any extra funding. Now that the Westgate Golf Course has been sold, and a subdivision is to be built on the property, School District officials are expecting a leap in enrollment.

School District 130, Blue Island, Robbins and Crestwood is slated to receive \$902,710. This is in addition to a building grant for \$8,225,058. This school district had received its first revenue increase since 1968 in 1995. Almost immediately the property tax cap went into effect. School Populations rose drastically in Blue Island, sparking the need for a new school building. This is a matching grant, which means that the school district must come up with the same amount as the State grant.

The Oak Lawn Hometown School District is slated to receive \$128,072. Officials refused to comment as they had not received anything official.

Chicago Ridge is supposed to receive \$271,955. They have been fighting with their budget, hoping to be able to maintain services.

High School District 218 is slated for \$508,924, and Evergreen Park High School is to receive \$23,460.



The first railroad tunnel was built in 1831. It was just over 36 miles long and connected Hollidaysburg, Pa. with Johnstown, Pa.

Illinois Department on Aging offers cooling tips

Illinois Department on Aging Director Margo E. Schreiber is reminding senior citizens to take the necessary precautions to stay cool during the extreme heat and high humidity.

"Health problems and isolations are factors that make older people particularly susceptible to heat stress," said Schreiber. "It's important for older persons to follow some common sense tips to beat the heat."

"Local communities often provide cooling shelters to assure older persons have a safe, cool place to go during heat emergencies. All Illinoisans, especially family members, friends and neighbors should check on older persons who may be at risk."

Common sense tips for handling the heat include the following:

- Drink lots of water and natural juices;
- Avoid going out into blazing heat, if possible;
- Keep shades drawn and blinds closed, but windows slightly open;
- Keep electric lights off or turned down;
- Take cool baths or showers, use cool towels;
- Remain in air conditioning either at home or at a cooling center;
- Wear loose, light cotton clothing;
- Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee and colas;
- Do not eat heavy meals;
- Avoid using cooking ovens;
- Avoid or minimize physical exertion;
- Check on family members, friends and neighbors;
- Call 911 if you or anyone you know needs medical attention.

During heat emergencies, communities are involved in door-to-door outreach; senior centers, adult day care sites and other familiar buildings serve as cooling centers; and information is provided on an ongoing basis through the network of local agencies serving older persons, call the Illinois Department on Aging Senior Help Line toll-free at 1-800-252-8966.

Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp for hearing impaired youngsters

Recently hearing impaired boys and girls from the ages of eight to 14 participated in the third annual Fantasy Baseball Camp, sponsored by the local Sertoma Governors Club under the leadership of President Gregg Jarman.

The Annual Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp was held at Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Avenue in Palos Hills. While the weather cooperated and a great time was had by all, "the youngsters took the lessons very seriously," noted Sertoma volunteer Kathy Rogge. The lessons were provided by Bill Finn's Moraine Valley coaches and the Moraine Valley College girl's softball team coaches. The camp, modeled after the Mike Bush Fantasy Baseball Camp in St. Louis, annu-

ally sponsors a number of hearing-impaired and deaf boys and girls.

In addition to sponsoring the camp, many Sertomas gave of their time: Kathy Rogge, Marilyn Aspin, Irma and Charles Becker, Mary Cahill, Sue and Mike Colella, Ed Dlugopolski, Don Esposito, Tina Hennis, Gregg Jarman, Bill Kamholz, Charlene and Paul Lill, Cheryl Peters, Jim and Nancy Steele, Ray Sullivan, Wally Quinlan and others pitched in (sometimes literally) where necessary; also helping out were volunteer signers including Florence Cannon, Tracy George, Nancy Kuglin and Emily McLoughlin. Coordinating this third annual event from the Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center's Lead Audiologist, Keri Maas.

The idea for Fantasy

Baseball Camp began seven years ago in St. Louis, as a joint effort of the area Sertoma clubs and the St. Louis Cardinals. Sertoma — an acronym for SERVICE TO Mankind — is an international service organization founded in 1912.

The event is held annually in the Chicagoland area under the sponsorship of the local Sertoma Governors Group, and was the result of time and effort by many volunteers, including Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center Board members and staffers.

The Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center, with locations in Palos Hills and Homewood, is the area's only nonprofit speech and hearing center whose aim is to provide speech and hearing services to all who need them, regardless of the ability to pay.

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Oremus receives resolution for 40 years of public service



John A. Oremus, former lifetime Mayor of Bridgeview and owner of Prairie Material Sales in Bridgeview, recently received a resolution for 40 years of public service. Presenting the Resolution (left to right) are Senator Patrick O'Malley, 18th District, Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and Edward F. McElroy of Radio and Television in the Chicagoland area for many years.



NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead
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For July 1999, **Psychic Predictions are for all Signs.** I use NumAstrology (I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight)! Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Your career or job needs immediate attention, and, if you can find ways to make yourself a much needed employee you will benefit threefold very soon. C or K and someone in the media can be involved. You are not about to be fooled by anyone's usually empty promises. Stay alert!

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: The money matters you get yourself into should be top drawer priority this week. Someone D, M and a Scorpio born could be your best helps. You cannot save the world from what it is doing to itself, you should only do your best. Auto problems?

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: If you can't make your own decisions, why should you expect yourself to solve other people's dilemmas? So, this week and next take a serious look into your own life, make changes that you can make, and listen to someone N or W or Aries.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Walk away from that person who seems to get their enjoyment out of making you miserable. Wish them well a million miles away. Get on with your life. You are in a deep well of concern and indecision. You can find answers inside yourself. L aids.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Meditate. Relax, get a therapeutic massage. Do something! A person F or K seems to have some very important things to share with you concerning money, a new career, health advice, etc. Listen! Perhaps an entire new start in life is needed. Why are you are so afraid of changes?

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: It may not be you that is wrong. It may be someone who you think of as an expert in what is involved that has the wrong slant on the possible answers even they come up with. H involved.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You can't seem to say Yes or No and mean it. Ask yourself why you are letting this happen to you. R involved and some kind of "vision." You could be getting spiritual help to make that decision.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You get the new start in life once you "allow" it to happen. You have been resisting change. You have been resisting many things that need changing. Someone very smart said, "that which you Resist-Persists!" M and C involved and Leo.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: A Scorpio and Leo, as well as someone born on the 9th or 30th of any month seem to have something to share with you that you will treasure for life. This may be nothing more than wisdom. It could be money, position or power. Be grateful for the angel Sachiel that comes to you when you ask. An S involved too.

Yes, I do See and Talk to Clients... I provide my Psychic Insight for you...this is how I make my living. Sessions can be in my office, by phone or mail, or internet. Ask about HOUSE PARTIES. Call 708-636-4578. I also do Psychic Counseling. My JM HOTLINE is for immediate answers. For an extended, more in-depth weekly forecast, call 1-900-378-8388 ext 2790. \$2.99 per min. Must be 18 yrs. Touch-tone phone required (SERV-U#619-454-8434) For a Free Brochure of my services and tapes call my office. Ask about my very exclusive CLUB 2000's. Take a look at my Website at jackimari-online.com

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Moraine Valley to offer Computer Maintenance Classes

Moraine Valley Community College will offer two non credit Computer Maintenance Classes this summer. The classes will take place on Saturday, July 10, in the Center for Contemporary Technology, located on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The fee for each class is \$17.

How to Clean and Repair Your PC will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn about the internal elements of the IBM or compatible computer and how to do basic cleaning and repairs.

How to Upgrade Your PC will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn how to upgrade their IBM or compatible computer.

For more information, call the Workforce Development and Community Services Department at 708/974-5745. To register, call the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office at 708/974-2110 (TTY/TDD for the hearing impaired 708/974-9556).



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MILITARY Roll CALL

Navy Seaman Jason Powell, son of Rich and Lynn Powell of Oak Lawn, recently participated in Fleet Week 1999 in New York, while assigned aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Cole, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The 1997 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School joined the Navy in July 1997.

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Navy Chief Petty Officer Anthony W. Hill, son of Nina M. Reid of Evergreen Park, is halfway through a three-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, based in Yokosuka, Japan.

He joined the Navy in May 1980.

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Doug Kasper, Mortgage Specialist; Mike Fehrenbacher, Mortgage Specialist; Mike Mangin, Senior Vice President; Tim Nee, Mortgage Specialist; Jack McMahon, Origination Manager; Darnell Estes, Mortgage Specialist.

Series of Mortgage Seminars hosted by Marquette National Bank

Marquette National Bank's Real Estate Department is hosting a series of Mortgage Seminars. The upcoming Mortgage Seminars are scheduled for Mortgage Refinancing at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at Marquette's Evergreen Park office located at 9335 S. Kedzie Ave. and for First-Time Home Buyers at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 17, at the Bank's Main Office located at 6316 S. Western Ave. in Chicago.

At the First-Time Home Buyers seminars, the Mortgage Department head, Mike Mangin, Senior Vice President of the Bank, addresses the audience on three

focus points when preparing to buy a first home -- budgeting, establishing a good credit history and accumulating the down payment.

Refinancing seminar attendees are given information on how the Mortgage refinance process works, the reasons why now is a good time to capture a low rate with refinancing and some of the programs Marquette offers. After Mr. Mangin's presentation, attendees are able to sit one-on-one with a mortgage specialist to discuss individual needs.

Marquette recognizes the need to provide seminars to assist consumers in learning

more information about the process of buying their first home, mortgage refinancing or getting a home equity loan or line. The bank has a professional staff of mortgage specialists available to assist consumers with any of these financial needs. Looking to make the mortgage process as convenient as possible, Marquette's loan officers can meet with prospective homeowners at their home, a work or at any of the bank's 17 offices. For more information about Mortgage related products and services or to sign up for the seminars, call 1-708-349-0770 or visit the website www.marquettelat.com.

Hilton Oak Lawn host Summer Wedding Faire

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., will host a Summer Wedding Faire and Fashion Show on Wednesday, July 21. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Fashion Show at 8 p.m.

House of Brides and Modern Tuxedo of Oak Lawn will be featuring their latest in wedding attire. Music by Tone Productions, Oak Lawn.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than fifty exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes and take a tour of the hotel suites and Tower Room. Every person touring the suites receives a chance to win a complimentary overnight stay in the Deluxe Jacuzzi Bedroom Suite. Special discounts are available to show

attendees. Book any one of the hotel's three Honeymoon Packages the night of the Bridal Show to receive a 20% discount.

The Grand Prize, an all inclusive Dream Vacation to one of the fabulous Sandals Resorts in Jamaica, is provided by Sandals Resort and Janis Anne Travel, Inc. This prize will be given away to one lucky bride after the fashion show. Airfare is not included. Winner must be present to win.

An express menu will be available in Whitney's Restaurant from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and the Hilton Gift Shoppe is open until 8 p.m.

Call (708) 229-8850 and receive two free tickets to the show, while the supply lasts. Admission charge the night of the show \$5.00.

Sweet are the slumbers of the virtuous man.
—Joseph Addison

A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.

—Robert Frost

Oak Lawn Garden Club sponsors Garden Walk

The Oak Lawn Garden Club is sponsoring their annual Garden Walk on Sunday, July 11th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be five gardens for viewing. One of the gardens will feature 184 bird houses with bird feeders throughout, attracting Baltimore Orioles. Another garden features a brick courtyard with a fountain in the center, a pond with fish and water lilies, waterfall, pool and jacuzzi plus jasmine filled pots and grasses. You will also see a perennial garden surrounding a lattice shade house, deck and outdoor eating area. Many antique tools are displayed to provide interest corners. Still another yard includes a vegetable garden, grasses and shade garden with brick patio. A cactus garden is the main attraction in one of the five gardens.

Tickets are available for \$5.00 each. For further information call 708/424-4846, 708/424-5710

St. Spyridon host Grecian Festival

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church will host its Annual Grecian Festival on Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11 on the church grounds, 12307 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights. Featured will be Greek

food and pastries: souvlaki, chicken, gyros, loukoumades, baklava and more. There will also be refreshments, Greek music and dancing, souvenirs, church tours, carnival rides and games. Also featured will be the St. Spyridon Dancers who will perform folk dances from various regions of Greece.

Festival hours are Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight and

Sunday, noon to 11 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and children under 12 free. Plenty of free parking is available. For information call (708) 385-2311.

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3:30-5:30 Face Painting
3:30-5:30 Unicyclist
4:00-6:00 A.J. Weir Balloonist
5:00-5:45 Aladdin Magic Show
5:30-7:30 Stillwalker

Sunday, July 11th
2:00-4:00 Face Painting
2:00-4:00 Balloonist
2:00-4:00 Stillwalker
2:00-5:00 Caricature Artist
3:00-3:45 Hoffmann Kingdom of Animals
4:00-5:00 Bob & Chico
4:00-6:00 A.J. Weir Balloonist
5:00-5:45 Wheel of Wisdom

Beer Garden Entertainment

Thursday, July 8th
7:00-8:15 Maurice Foulkner
8:15-9:30 Al Estrada

Friday, July 9th
6:00-7:30 United Country
8:00-9:30 Captain Midnight
10:00-11:30 Infinity

Saturday, July 10th
2:00-4:00 Mudcats
4:00-5:30 The Soda Jerks
6:00-7:30 The Mirrors
8:00-9:30 Backstreet
10:00-11:30 Afro Disco

Sunday, July 11th
12:00-1:30 Mudcats
4:00-5:30 Chicago Blues Hounds
6:00-7:30 Flapjacks
8:00-10:00 Bottle Bros.

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Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of La Cage Aux Folles



Paul Nirchi (Georges) stands surrounded by the Cagelles, dancers from his club, in the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of La Cage Aux Folles. Show dates and times are July 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., and July 18 and July 25 at 3 p.m. For ticket information, call (708) 857-2200.

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Featured in the production of "Annie" are: (Back row) Matt Slomka as Drake, Erin Barry Clair as Grace, Burke Fry as Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks, Margaret Hayes as Miss Hannigan, Elizabeth Dudek and Lily St. Regis. (Front row) Andy Lambros as Bert Healy, Colleen Duffy as Annie, Cassidy Patton as Annie, and Joseph Clair as Rooster Hannigan.

99th Street Summer Theatre Festival opens season with "Annie"

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival, a non-for-profit community theater company located at 3737 W. 99th Street, will present its 21st season with the opening of the Broadway hit "Annie." The musical production will perform on July 8, 9, 10th at 8 p.m. and July 11th at 3 p.m. In addition to this production, the Summer Theatre Festival will present the big band swing dancing hit "Over Here" on July 22, 23, 24th at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12.00 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and children under 12. Please call 773/881-6512 for any further ticket or show information. Group rates are available.

99th Street Summer Theatre presents "Annie" and "Over Here"

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival, a community summer theatre program located within the Mother McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street will present the Original Broadway Company's version of the musical "Annie" and the big band swing dancing hit "Over Here." "Annie" will take place on July 8, 9, and 10th at 8 p.m. and July 11th at 3 p.m. "Over Here," will be performed on July 22, 23, and 24th at 8 p.m.

"Annie" will be filled with such memorable favorites as "Tomorrow," "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile," and many more is sure to delight audiences of all ages with its musical, dance, and dramatic elements. Incorporating a large cast of over 90 performers, "Annie" is lead by a talented cast that features Cassidy Patton (Chicago) and Colleen Duffy (Oak Lawn) as Little Orphan Annie, Burke Fry (Country Club Hills) as Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks,

Erin Barry Clair (Chicago) as Grace, Joseph Clair (Chicago) as Rooster, Elizabeth Dudek (Beverly) as Lily, and Margaret Hayes (Oak Lawn) as the ever rotten Miss Hannigan.

"Over Here" is based around the happenings of World War II. It features harmony, rhythm, and dance all in one. With a clever book and a broad range of musical melodies, the show presents the nostalgia of the swing era while presenting a fresh look at the talents of today. Originally performed by the renowned Andrew Sisters "Over Here" is sure to please the young and old alike.

Leading the cast of "Over Here" are Kim Brines (Matteson) as Paulette De Paul, Hannah Hayes (Orland Park) as Pauline De Paul, Sarah Ketchum (Lockport) as Mitzi, Eugene McMahon (Berwyn) as Norwin Spokesman, Erin Haynes (Evergreen Park) as June, Scott Sowinski (Mt. Greenwood) as Bill, Tom Brown

(Chicago) as Utah, Kari Adkins (Oak Lawn) as Donna, Chris Zimowski (Chicago) as Lucky, Erin Liston (Orland Park) as Maggie, Jalinda Wilson (Chicago) as Sam, Bob Rheinheimer (Orland Park) as Father, Susan Kush (Oak Forest) as Mother, and Ray Zygmuntowicz (Chicago Ridge) as Rankin.

Both shows are directed by Managing Director Patricia Haynes (Evergreen Park) with choreography by Marci Caliendo (Chicago), scenic design is by Don Haynes (Evergreen Park) and lighting design by Tarah Karczewski (Beverly). Annie's musical direction is by Michael Carso (Blue Island) and Over Here's musical direction is by Peg Mooney (Beverly). Additional staging and direction for both plays are by Michael Gutrich (New York City).

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It seems as if it were just last summer we thanked God for the overwhelming joy that your birth brought to our lives. Who could ever forget the tiny pink shirt with angel's wings that simply stated "Born in Heaven?" And indeed you surely were, for you were our little angel. You were also the toothless little toddler whose wide-eyed enthusiasm could always put a smile on my lips.

You were the grade schooler who filled our humble home with the sounds of happy carefree laughter that lit up my life with sunshine.

Birthday parties with a pool full of giddy girls, has now given way to a couple of guys and girls 'hanging out', and yet my eyes can still see the young child with the stubby pigtails who charmed me with her easy going style. This is a wonderful time in your life. It is an exciting time for first love and self-discovery. But you, my dear, are not the only one who's grown. I have learned far more from this maternal experience, than from any other lessons life has taught me.

YOU'RE SWEET 16! You know all the answers, while at the same time you're not too sure of the questions. Your life has changed before my eyes. You have gone from diapers to dating, from lollipops to lipstick, while each treasured recollection softly tugs at my grateful heart, for these are a mother's gifts. Your world is filled with wonder and surprise, while mine holds unending pride for what these enchanting years will bring your way.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR DAUGHTER!

Today, I'll light your cake with sixteen candles. You'll forever light my world with love.

Study linked lead to tooth decay

Children exposed to higher levels of lead have more problems with tooth decay, according to a new study that suggest lead could account for as much as 11 percent of cavities in children.

The study on cavities, conducted by Drs. Peggy Auinger and Mark Moss of the University of Rochester, New York, and Dr. Bruce Lamphear of the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati compared dental records and blood lead levels from 25,000 children and adults. The study was published in the June 23 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Focusing on children aged five to 17 years, they found that every increase of five micrograms per deciliter in lead levels was linked to an 80 percent increase in risk of tooth decay. The Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has set ten micrograms as the maximum acceptable level.

The researchers are not sure how lead exposure may lead to cavities. Dr. Moss says that the next step in research is to determine the mechanism involved. However, he speculated that lead

either reduces production of saliva that contains elements that protect teeth, or crowds out calcium during tooth formation, or prevents fluoride from bonding with tooth enamel.

"Tooth decay is a major health problem by itself," Dr. Lamphear says. "This study provides additional evidence that lead is a systemic toxin and that further efforts to reduce residential hazards are needed."

Officials at CDCP estimate that 57 million private homes in the United States have at least some lead paint, and paint chips are a common source of lead exposure. Exposure to lead has fallen sharply in recent decades since it was removed from household paint and gasoline. But nearly a million American children are still believed to have elevated lead levels in their blood, with consequences that can affect brain development.

Tooth decay often is concentrated among poorer, inner city children where roughly 20 percent of the nation's children account for about 80 percent of all cavities.

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Students receive magic money

Ryan Francis, Nicole Minik, Patrick Shaughnessy and Rowan Ibrahim, all students at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, received magic money from magician, John Measner, for being good magic assistants when Measner performed at the school.

Fairs and Fests

Are things really better today?

By Dave Farkas; Anchorage, Alaska

Today we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less, we buy more but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time, we have more degrees, but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, but more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink to much, smoke to much, spend too recklessly, laugh to little, drive to fast, get to angry to quickly, stay up to late, get up to tired, read to seldom, watch TV to much, and pray to seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk to much, love to seldom and lie to often.

We've learned how to

make a living, but not a life, we've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but having trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space, we've done larger things, but not better things, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul, we've split the atom, but not our prejudice, we write more, but learn less, plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait, we have higher incomes, but lower morals, more food, but less appeasement, more acquaintances, but fewer friends, more effort, but less success.

We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but have less commu-

nication, we've become more on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, tall men and short character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare, more leisure and less fun, more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce, of fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw away morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It's a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom. Indeed it's all true. Maybe our grandparents' ways were not so bad after all.

graduate in spring of 2000 and then transfer to a four-year university to major in Education with a concentration in History.

Moraine Valley student receives Memorial Scholarship

Margaret M. Wolf, a Moraine Valley Community College student and a resident of Worth, was recently awarded the Joann Karen Basick Memorial Scholar-

ship at the college's Academic Scholarship Ceremony.

Wolf enrolled in the Returning Woman Program in spring of 1997. She plans to

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Worth Township celebrates 150 years

By Jude Coyle

The Illinois Constitution of 1848 gave residents the opportunity to decide whether they would prefer to break counties into smaller and more manageable parcels called townships. This was voted in 1849, and enacted in 1850. The first Worth Township meeting took place in Blue Island on April 2, 1850. Blue Island was one of the few incorporated towns in the area at that time. Henry Douglass was elected the first township supervisor.

Worth Township and Fort Worth, Texas are named for General William Jenkins Worth. He was born in Hudson, New York in 1794. He began his military career here in Illinois; when he served in the Black Hawk Wars. He commanded the Army that quelled the Seminole uprising in Florida, and the army that won several critical battles in the Mexican War, including the invasion of Mexico City. Though he did not attend West Point, he served as its superinten-

dent. He died of cholera in 1849.

The year 2000 marks the 150th Anniversary of the township system in Illinois, and many of the townships are planning activities to commemorate it. Officials in Worth are planning several activities, most to be tied in with day to day functions. Officials have asked that each village appoint a representative to serve on the Sesquicentennial Committee. Arlene Sladek described several ideas being considered. She spoke of a coverlet. Each town would provide a logo. The Village of Robbins would provide a picture of the Fuller-Brush Mansion, a structure built by the founders of the Fuller Brush Company. Palos Hills and Palos Heights each plan to provide pictures of their gazebos. The Village of Crestwood would provide a picture of Hawkinson Ford Field. Worth Township's logo would be placed centermost on the coverlet with village logos on the

outer edges. Ms. Sladek spoke of a new flag to fly over the Worth Township facilities, and plans for a fest of some kind to take place on their grounds. She also mentioned that the committee would like to put together a display case with items that are of historical interest, like old photos, newspaper clippings, etc. Celebrations are in the planning stages, and anyone wishing to participate on the Sesquicentennial Committee, should call 708/371-2900.

Worth Township is bounded by 87th Street on the north, 135th Street on the south, Western Avenue on the east and Harlem Avenue on the west. It is the third largest township in Illinois, with a population of over 151,000 residents. There are 12 municipalities, including parts of Chicago, and seven unincorporated areas.

The largest senior community in the state (according to the 1990 census) live in Worth Township, and because so, township officials

have made them a priority. A free mini bus is provided for their use. The township also provides a senior drop-in center, educational opportunities and other programs. That is in addition to their other services. They provide day camp, new school supplies for needy children, preventive medical, dental and podiatry clinics, juvenile and family counseling, Christmas clothing and toy drives, a food pantry, 4-H Club, a dental sealant program. Residents can buy vehicle stickers and hunting or fishing licenses, or apply for temporary handicap parking cards. Each year they provide a free fishing clinic. This year it is scheduled for July 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Maple Lake South. There are many other services provided by the township. They have even worked with Moraine Valley to provide G.E.D. classes to residents. According to Arlene Sladek, Worth Township is unusual in the number of services available.

PIZZA facts & fancies

(NAPS)—Bigger is certainly better in New York City, with millions of people, huge skyscrapers, vast bridges, gigantic parades, World Series champions and the most extensive subway system in the world. The Big Apple is a "big" town in most respects, right down to its pizza.

As an American tradition, pizza is less than 100 years old, with the first pizzeria opened in this country by Gennaro Lombardi in 1905 in—where else?—New York City.

New Yorkers are downright "pie in the sky" for their "za"—there's even a website devoted to maintaining a standard of excellence (www.pizzapolice.com). The foldable crust and sweet sauce combine for a succulent sensation that other cities just can't duplicate. According to a recent survey by Pizza Hut, pizza is the "most recognizable food of New York City," receiving nearly twice as many votes as its nearest competitor, the Coney Island hot dog.

"America associates great pizza with New York-style pizza," said Mike Rawlings, chief concept officer of Pizza Hut, Inc. "In fact, they crave it."

When asked what they think of first when they think of a New York-style pizza, respondents listed the key ingredients of lots of cheese, thin crust, pepperoni and, not surprisingly, large size. In addition, the adjectives used



Pizza-loving Americans are eating up the flavor of New York-style 'za.

to describe "New York, New York" pizza also spoke to the city itself: big, fun, made to order, spicy and, according to 70 percent of those surveyed, "crusty."

However, despite the popularity of New York-style pizza, nearly two-thirds of Americans have not actually partaken of this regional delicacy. Now pizza fans across America can savor what had been previously unavailable outside NYC, without jetting into JFK.

Pizza Hut recently introduced the Big New Yorker Pizza, a 16-inch pie which features a hand-stretched crust, sweet sauce and lots of real cheese. The pie's eight holdable, foldable slices can be topped with such favorites as Italian sausage, ham, mushrooms, black olives, green peppers and, of course, pepperoni.

The Big New Yorker is available at Pizza Hut locations for just \$9.99 for a one-topping pie. For more information "bites," visit the website at www.pizzahut.com.

AARP offers older drivers a chance to improve skills

With the approach of summer months, increased local traffic and vacation driving is a signal for older motorists to update their driving knowledge and skills.

Why older drivers? As we grow older, driving becomes a habit and many skills are taken for granted. The problem is that physical changes, declining perceptual skills, and local driving conditions can lead to serious accidents when not detected. The answer is the AARP 55 ALIVE/Mature Driving Program.

AARP 55 ALIVE is an eight-hour classroom refresher course specifically designed to meet the needs of older drivers. The course addresses the physical changes that can affect your driving ability and behavior, and ways to compensate for those changes. Also the curriculum is geared to remind you of skills and techniques you once learned but fail to use regularly, and update you on the rules of the road.

"Many older drivers tend to forget it's easy to develop unsafe driving habits over time because we become too familiar with something we have done for many years," says Dr. H. J. Borger, of Springfield, Illinois AARP 55 ALIVE State Coordinator. "That is why we teach the rules of the road and ways to prevent accidents by identifying what should be done in adverse driving conditions."

In 1998 a state-wide network of 249 volunteers in Illinois who are 50 and older, reported 17,968 graduates in 929 classes. The program gives the volunteers an opportunity to help their peers learn how to handle adverse driving conditions and traffic hazards, as well as the affects of aging and medications on driving. 55 ALIVE teaches participants about normal age-related changes that can influence driving ability and attitudes. For example:

- Vision is a critical factor

that impacts driving ability;

- Side vision is a problem for older drivers;

- Impaired hearing is a common problem for 20 percent of people 55 and older and 30 percent of those over the age of 65;

- Another area of physical decline among older drivers is reaction time, and that slower reaction time represents a significant problem for older drivers;

- Medications taken by older persons can interact with each other and with alcohol causing serious adverse reactions to occur.

These problems are what lead to the typical traffic violations committed by older drivers, including failure to yield the right-of-way, improper left turns, incorrect lane changes, passing, and entering and leaving expressways. Recognizing this, and that most older motorists began driving before formal driver education existed, 55 ALIVE instructors teach the rules of the

road. Participants also learn about the proper use and maintenance of their vehicles, and learn the safety aspects of the car including safety belts, airbags, antilock brakes, and child safety seats.

Completion of the 55 ALIVE classes can result in discounts from several automobile insurance companies throughout the country. In addition, legislation has been enacted in 34 states and the District of Columbia which requires all automobile insurance companies conducting business in those states to provide a premium discount to graduates of state-approved improvement courses. Illinois does offer legislated automobile insurance premium discounts.

For more information on AARP 55 ALIVE class, location or volunteer opportunities please call toll free 1-888-227-7669. A nominal fee is charged for the 8-hour course.

Sen. O'Malley chairs Task Force

State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) is chairing a Task Force that will study a proposal to provide low-income citizens access to dental care, while giving dental students a way to reduce their school loans.

Sponsored by O'Malley and approved by lawmakers, Senate Resolution 80 calls for a Task Force to study the feasibility of legislation that would allow public aid recipients to receive basic dental services. In return, the student loans of the dentists providing these services would be reduced.

The 11 member Task Force must report its findings to the General Assembly by Jan. 1, 2000.

"At the present time, people who are covered by the public aid system have limited access to dental care," O'Malley said. "With many new, young dentists opening practices and struggling to repay their student loans, it has been proposed that a program be instituted in which these dentists treat public aid recipients. In return for their dental services,

the state would credit the dentists for the dental services they provided and would submit a predetermined payment to the financial institution holding those dentists' student loans."

O'Malley said the program would be initiated throughout the state and would benefit the dentists, public aid patients, and the state budget.

The Task Force shall be made up of 11 members appointed as follows: one member appointed by the Senate President to serve as Chairperson; one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, one representative appointed by Department of Public Aid; one representative appointed by Department of Revenue; one representative appointed by Illinois Student Assistance Commission; three representatives of the dentistry profession (one of whom is a recent graduate of dental school) appointed by the Chair; three representatives with a knowledge of tax or finance appointed by the Chair.

Little Company of Mary Hospital Classes

The Magic Within - July 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Fee \$5.00 - You can do magical things with your life. Anne Bartolotta will help you learn the steps to tap into the power of your magic using magical beliefs and virtues. Call 708/423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

Savvy Seniors - July 8, 1 - 2:30 p.m., No Fee - This monthly lecture series is held on the second Thursday of the month. This month, the topic will be "Heads up - Headache." Call 708/423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

Senior Club - July 12, 10 - 11 a.m., Free - Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

The Impact of Stress on

Your Health - July 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Free - Dr. Camille Honesty, M.D. will discuss how stress can affect your well-being and how you can take control to maintain a healthy life-style. Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Tips for Financial Health - July 29, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fee \$5.00 - Laura Shallow, Vice President of Marquette National Bank, will advise you on topics for financial planning and a secure future. Call 708/499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

ONGOING CLASSES

Little Company:
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a powerful tool in changing that behavior or attitude that prevents you from doing what you would like. It can make the achievement of your goals easier. Key life-style areas such as smoking cessation, and stress or weight management are some of the applications of self hypnosis. Call 708/229-5830 for information. Fee - \$65/first visit, \$35/visit within one month.

Reflexology - Appointments are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Reflexology is the newest stress-relief program at Little Company. Reflexology relieves stress, induces deep relaxation, and improves circulation throughout the body by stimulating the nerve endings in your feet through massage. Call 708/229-5830 for information. Fee - \$30/one half hour.

Therapeutic Massage - Treat yourself! Therapeutic massage is a wonderful way to relieve stress. Certified massage therapists offer massage at Little Company by appointment on Mon-

days, Wednesdays, Fridays. Call 708/229-5830 for information. Fee - \$50/hour, \$30/one half hour.

Individual Wellness Counseling - Non-clinical Wellness Counseling for weight, stress, self-esteem, smoking, and other health and Wellness behavior changes. Available by appointment. Call 708/229-5830 for information. Fee.

Chicago Ridge:
Body Composition Analysis - This test calculates the amounts of fat and lean mass in your body. The analysis includes a plan for reaching your ideal mass level. Sessions are held, by appointment, on the first and third Friday of the month, from 9 - 11 a.m. Call 708/423-5774 to register. Fee - \$15.

Coronary Risk Profile - This screening is offered on Wednesday mornings, by appointment, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Screening includes Blood Oxygen Level, comprehensive cholesterol and chemistry lab tests, body composition analysis and

health risk appraisal. You will receive fasting instructions when you make your appointment. Call 708/423-5774 to register. Fee - \$25.

Blood Pressure Screening - Held on Monday 9:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. and Thursday 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. No charge.

Massage - Reduce stress, improve circulation, and increase flexibility through massage. Call 708/423-5774 for an appointment. Fee \$30/per 1/2 hour, \$50/per hour.

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Therapeutic Massage - Therapeutic massage is a wonderful way to relieve stress. Certified massage therapists offer massage at Evergreen Plaza by appointment. Call 708/499-1894 for information. Fee \$50/hour, \$30/one half hour.

Blood Pressure Screening - Held on Monday, 9 - 10 a.m., and Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 9 - 10 a.m. No charge.

Sertoma hosts Bowl-A-Thon

Sertoma Speech and Hearing Centers and sponsoring Bowl-A-Thon '99 at the Oak Forest Bowl, 15240 S. Cicero Ave. on Saturday, July 17, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Individual bowlers cost is \$20.00 which includes pizza, drink, bowling shoe rental, and three games. Pizza cost for non-playing guests is \$5.50. For information or registration, call the Center at (708) 599-9500.

Fibromyalgia Support Group meets at library

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet promptly at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, at the Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Come and share your feelings and how you cope with Fibromyalgia. Talk to someone who knows how you feel. Guest speakers will be Peggy Johnson and Don Massatt Massage Therapist who have had great success with Fibromyalgia patients. For additional information, call Colette Moscato at (708) 857-7478.

Exhibitors show their wares at LaGrange Craft Show

More than 250 exhibitors will have their handcrafted and original designed work on sale at the 25th Annual Downtown LaGrange Craft Show on July 10th, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and 11th, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The craft show exhibits will be set up on the east side of LaGrange Road from Burlington Avenue south to Cossitt Avenue and in the Village Hall parking lot.

Among the thousands of items on display will be: unique yard signs, stained glass, American Girl doll clothes and accessories, Beanie Baby accessories, doll furniture, afghans, clothing for children and adults, one of a kind jewelry, floral designs, neck pillows, candles, country wood items, pet feeders, accessories for children's rooms, and much more.

For further information regarding this show or others, call Midwest Art and Craft fairs at 630/739-1071.

Scholars who believe that "Mother Goose" was a real person have identified her as the Biblical Queen of Sheba, military leader Charlemagne's mother and Elizabeth Goose, a colonist in Boston.



Left to right: Greg Pappas, Distribution Representative, Allegiance Healthcare Company; Pat Murphy, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Administrative Director, Medical Oncology Services; Norm Johns, Strategic Account Executive, Allegiance Healthcare Company; and Sheila Summers, R.T., Radiation Oncology Supervisor.

Allegiance donates robes to Little Company for new Cancer Center

Allegiance Healthcare Company donated seersucker and terry cloth robes to Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers for use in the hospital's new Cancer Center, which is slated to open in the fall of 2000. This very generous gift will help keep patients warm during their treatments.

The new 33,000 square foot addition to Little Company will bring together new technology and current cancer therapies such as radiation, medical oncology, and surgery in one convenient location. Additional services include a community library and media center, exam and treatment rooms, a children's play area, transportation to and from treatment, and a host of complementary therapies.

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Additional specials include: 20% off Stony Creek logo merchandise (golf balls, gloves, hats, jackets, and shirts) with paid greens fee; and half off the price of range balls for a child with an adult purchase at the driving range, valid Saturday and Sunday mornings until noon.

For more information, contact Stony Creek at (708) 857-2433.

By Judy Coyle

Are you looking for the American dream? In other words, are you looking to purchase a home? It's Mark Ruthenburg's job, of Robert Ruthenburg and Sons (708/388-0274) in Blue Island, to help you find that dream home. Before getting started though, Mark would send you to Jayne Paliga, Loan Officer, at Embassy Mortgage Corp. (708/802-9800) in Tinley Park, or to Fran Oz, Sr. Loan Officer at St. Paul Federal (847/451-2976). The very first step in purchasing a home, is getting pre-approved by a bank or loan company. That way, you can be sure of how much money you have to spend.

Pre-approval requires several steps. You need canceled checks or money order copies, showing that you've paid rent in a timely fashion. Two years worth of W-2's and your last two pay stubs to verify your income and employment. Do you have any other income? Trusts, inter-

est income, annuities, profit sharing, 401K's? If so, you need proof of that. What are your expenses? Car loans, credit cards, etc.? The mortgage company will check your credit, and depending the results, your income and your expenses, the mortgage company will decide how much they can lend you. A good rule of thumb; your mortgage payment should not exceed 28% of your income, and your total commitments should not total more than 36% of your income. Other factors taken into consideration are how big of a down payment you plan to make, and is that down payment a gift? If so, the person guaranteeing it must prove that he/she has that ability. Are you due for a raise in the near future?

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would in Blue Island. Schools are a consideration. How high are the taxes in the area you're considering? What services are available? Are the sewers in? The sidewalks? Will they go in soon and at what cost? Well water or city water? Are you looking for a starter home with plans to move into something larger? Do you want a fireplace, dining room, basement or pool? How many bedrooms? Mark has access to the Multiple Listing. (Have you seen the books left in restaurants advertising houses for sale?) Once he knows what you want, he can help you find it.

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For more information, contact Stony Creek at (708) 857-2433.

By Judy Coyle

Are you looking for the American dream? In other words, are you looking to purchase a home? It's Mark Ruthenburg's job, of Robert Ruthenburg and Sons (708/388-0274) in Blue Island, to help you find that dream home. Before getting started though, Mark would send you to Jayne Paliga, Loan Officer, at Embassy Mortgage Corp. (708/802-9800) in Tinley Park, or to Fran Oz, Sr. Loan Officer at St. Paul Federal (847/451-2976). The very first step in purchasing a home, is getting pre-approved by a bank or loan company. That way, you can be sure of how much money you have to spend.

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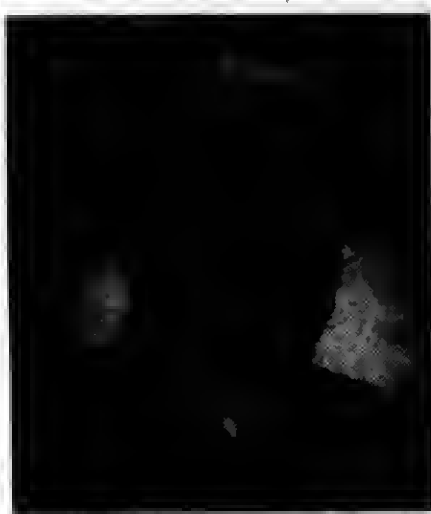
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Mr. Corradino began his banking career in June 1949 at the former Oak Lawn Trust and Savings Bank as Head Teller. Mr. Corradino worked as Vault Custodian, Bookkeeper, Manager of the Bookkeeping Department, Assistant Cashier and Auditor, Cashier, Vice President and Cashier, and Executive Vice President until January

1980 when he was appointed as President. Mr. Corradino served as president until the bank's sale in 1992.

After the sale of Oak Lawn Trust and Savings Bank, Mr. Corradino joined Founders Bank at their Oak Lawn location. He continues to be an active banker, philanthropist and a vital and respected member of the Oak Lawn community.

He is active in the community of Oak Lawn and surrounding communities. His loyalty and tireless commitment to such organizations as Park Lawn School, Moraine Valley Community College Foundation and the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Christ Hospital and Hope Children's Hospital is unsurpassed. He was recently conferred the honor of the Diane Masters Award for his outstanding service to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia for his efforts on behalf of the Center's victims of domestic violence.

Mr. Corradino actively served on the board of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, is Commis-

sioner for the Village of Oak Lawn Special Events Committee, serves on the Oak Lawn Community Chest as well as the Oak Lawn Park District. Mr. Corradino has also been the recipient of the Village of Oak Lawn's Citizen of the Year Award given for outstanding support of the village and the service and dedication Mr. Corradino has bestowed upon charitable organizations within the Oak Lawn community. He is also an active member of the Oak Lawn Rotary Club, Past District Chairman and Past Finance Chairman for the Timber Trails Boy Scout District and is also a member and past chairman of the Good Scout Award Dinner and was a recipient of the Scout's Silver Beaver Award.

LeRoy Corradino and his wife of 42 years, Gussie, reside in Palos Heights where they are active in the Incarnation parish. They enjoy spending time with their children and nine grandchildren.

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Brooks says the rare combination of education and experience makes the Certified Residential Specialist more than just another real estate agent. "I encourage consumers to discover the difference a CRS makes and how enjoyable and successful a real estate relationship can be." Brooks invites home buyers and sellers to visit the Council of Residential Specialists' Web site at www.crs.com to find a CRS. Brooks adds, "A CRS will help make your buying or selling experience a successful one."

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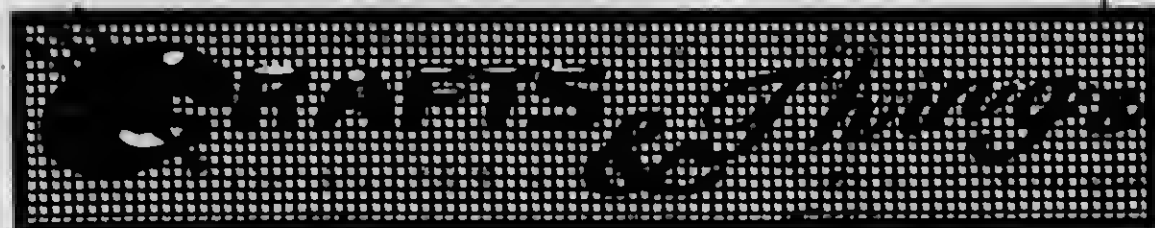
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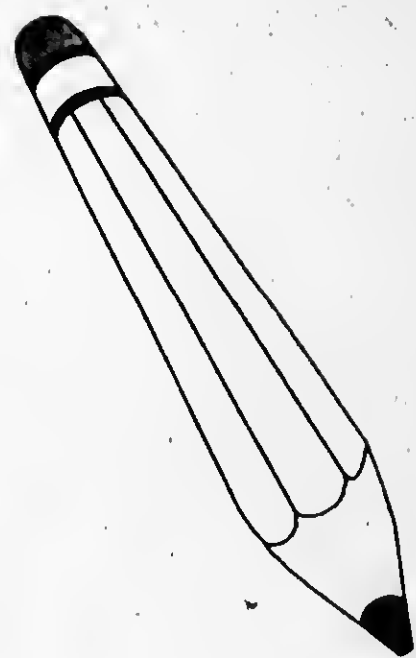
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Maria High School seeks
an alumna for Hall of
Fame Award

Maria High School is looking to acknowledge and recognize a special graduate of St. Casimir Academy or Maria High School. In keeping with the Maria High School mission to encourage students to become women of faith who make a difference in our world throughout their lives, Maria High Schools Alumnae Hall of Fame Award honors alumnae of St. Casimir Academy and Maria High School who have made an impact in the world in the tradition of Mother Maria Kaupas and the Sisters of St. Casimir.

The criteria to receive this award is: St. Casimir Academy or Maria High School alumna (at least five years after graduation), ability to attend the Snowball (Saturday, January 22 at the Chateau Del Mar, Hickory Hills) to receive the award, individual's life reflects the Christian values promulgated by Maria High School, role model for students and alumnae and distinguished service in any of the follow-

ing; her profession to Maria High School and its mission of educating young women, to her family, to her church, to society, community, culture, to the vision of Mother Maria Kaupas — that of nurturing the faith life of others or to the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Casimir (e.g. Maria High School, Holy Cross Hospital, etc.).

To nominate someone, submit a letter by August 1 to Margaret Hughes, Director of Development at Maria High School. You may also fax 773/925-8885 or e-mail jstephens20@hotmail.com a nomination. State examples of why the person meets the award criteria. The Hall of Fame Committee will review all nominations and select the awardee(s). The awardee will be contacted to determine her acceptance of the award and her ability to be present at the Snowball. For more information please call Margaret Hughes at 773/925-8686, ext. 25.



Leslie Harris, Trustee and President William Nolan,
F.O.P. Chicago Lodge #7

Child fingerprint kits
available at police stations

William J. Nolan, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 and Officer Leslie Harris, F.O.P. Trustee have announced the availability of "Child Identification, Fingerprint America" kits and "What Would You Do If the Police Stopped You" pamphlets.

The kit contains an inked slide which is to be used to apply a child's fingerprints in appropriate spaces provided. There is a place for a child's photograph, medical and dental information, as well as personal information. The area where several strands of the child's hair are to be placed is for DNA

identification. The kit, which is an invaluable tool if your child is ever missing or lost.

Written in English and Hispanic, the "What Would You Do If the Police Stopped You" pamphlet starts out with an open letter to the citizens of Chicago, explaining the F.O.P.'s wish to improve police-community relations. It goes on to suggest and explain what is expected of you if pulled over in your vehicle, if you are approached on the street, and other police encounters.

Both the kit and the pamphlet are available at all District Stations in the Neighborhood Relations Division.

Forest Preserve Canine
Demonstration

General Superintendent, Joseph Nevius, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, announced that a Police Officer from the Canine Division, will put on a demonstration for the C.C. Cheetahs Baseball League, Sunday, July 11, at 4 p.m. at the Crestwood Ballfield, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

David Pietrucha, coordinator, announced that the officer will explain why and what the dogs are trained for, how obedience is taught and all other interesting aspects. The usual dogs of choice are the German Shepard and Rotweiler.

Lyons appointed to Video
Taped Confessions Task Force

State Representative Eileen Lyons will serve on a newly created Bipartisan Illinois House Task Force to study the use of videotaping police interrogations and confessions.

The goal of the Video Taped Confessions Task Force will be to make recommendations to fellow lawmakers on what course the General Assembly should take in requiring law enforcement agencies to videotape confessions or interrogations.

Creation of the Task Force was critical to ensure that legislative recommendations are comprehensive in nature and protect both citizens and law enforcement agencies, according to Lyons.

"The issue of video taping confessions has wide rang-

ing public policy ramifications," said Lyons, a member of the Illinois House of Representatives Criminal Law Committee. "It is imperative that we closely study proposals and work with law enforcement agencies, as well as, criminal defense advocates to create changes that support and protect the integrity of our criminal justice system."

Lyons is experienced as a member of the House Judiciary Committee for three years and has sponsored many anticrime initiatives.

The task force will hold its first meeting on July 23rd in Chicago. For more information on the Task Force, please contact State Rep. Eileen Lyons' office at (708) 352-7700.

Service brings relief to
delinquent taxpayers

With a staggering 25 million Americans owing back taxes to the IRS, an innovative service is poised to bring relief to those who need it.

Once intimidation tactics start, few taxpayers realize that they have negotiating power because the IRS is not obligated to tell them what their options are, says Bruce Mayberry, general manager of Los Angeles-based Capitol Tax Relief. "We can almost always make a settlement," he notes.

The 800 cases resolved last year by Capitol Tax Relief represent all types of people, from high-powered executive to truck driver - even tax attorney. The pro-

cess of arriving at a settlement usually takes three to six months, Mayberry says. But once Capitol Tax Relief takes power of attorney and begins the negotiating process, the IRS will stop its aggressive pursuit of payment.

"What usually causes people to get into trouble is ignoring the problem when it is still relatively small and easy to solve," Mayberry says. The consequences of ignoring it can be dire, because once a taxpayer is several years behind, the penalties - piled onto the original amount owed - add up to a nightmarish debt.

The path to settlement is

formula-driven, says Mayberry, and depends on income, assets and debt. The problem is, comprehension of federal and state tax law eludes most mortals. "Nobody has time to study 75,000 pages of tax code," says Mayberry. He usually obtains cents-on-the-dollar settlements, known in the tax world as "Offers in Compromise." The IRS code also allows for removal of penalties and interest when there are 'extenuating circumstances' which contributed to the problem.

In addition to obtaining settlements and removing penalties for people with overdue federal and state income taxes, Mayberry and staff assist businesses with delinquent payroll withhold-

ing taxes - a plum that the IRS will aggressively pursue.

Ultimately, the IRS will seize wages and other assets and place liens on property - which is when many contact Capitol Tax Relief. Seizure of assets generally starts once a taxpayer receives a "Levy Notice" or defaults on a payment plan. Capitol Tax Relief can prevent seizures and sometimes recover property already taken by the IRS, and can also negotiate affordable payment plans in lieu of lump sum settlements.

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Moraine Valley trustee focuses on education issues

Mary Nolan, a member of Moraine Valley Community College's Board of Trustees and the college's representative to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA), met with Rep. M. Maggie Crotty during Lobby Day in Springfield. Lobby Day was initiated by the ICCTA to provide trustees the opportunity to meet with legislators to discuss interests related to education.

Nolan also urged the governor to sign House Bill 1766, an ICCTA initiative establishing a new matching grant program for community college foundations that would provide a \$2 match from the state for each \$3 of private giving that the foundation receives. Nolan also urged support for other community college legislation,

including House Bill 2087, which allows part-time college students eligibility for state-funded Monetary Award Program grants, and House Bill 2091, which formalizes an agreement between the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) to permit the ICCB to approve certain programs without IBHE involvement.

"This was my first experience with Lobby Day, and it was a tremendous success," said Nolan. "More than 100 Illinois trustees traveled to the state capitol to participate in this important event, and their support underscores the dedication of community college trustees around the state."

Prospect Federal receives strong financial rating

Prospect Federal Savings Bank has received the highest rating for its financial condition during all four quarters of 1998 from Veribanc, Inc., an authoritative national firm that rates all U.S. financial institutions. Veribanc awarded Worth based Prospect Federal the top "Green with Three Stars" rating for safety and soundness. The rating is based on several important financial measurements including equity-to-assets ratio, asset quality, and profitability.

"We're proud of our financial standing as one of America's strongest financial institutions," said bank President and Chief Executive Officer, Steven F. Rosenbaum. "We thank our loyal customers for doing business with us, and our employees for providing

such excellent service."

Prospect Federal, celebrating its 90th year of financial service to Southwest Metropolitan Chicago, has a long history of financial strength. Bauer Financial Reports, another nationally recognized bank research and rating firm, has consistently given Prospect Federal its highest rating, also. Along with its strong financial condition, Prospect Federal provides customers with FDIC insurance, which guarantees the safety of their deposits. Unlike numerous other area banks, Prospect Federal has no intention of being acquired. "We're a local, independent institution and plan to stay that way," Mr. Rosenbaum added.

Prospect Federal Savings Bank has full service offices in Worth and Chicago.

All American girls strike out at Georgio's

By Jude Coyle

The United Way has confirmed that 19 players from the All American Girls Professional Baseball League will attend their July 10th Luncheon and Silent Auction at Georgio's, 8800 W. 159th Street in Orland. The auction starts at 11 a.m. Sports items, meals at restaurants, etc. are among the items up for bid. Lunch begins at 12 p.m. and presentations begin at 1:30 p.m. In between one can purchase books, have autographs signed or take photos. Afterwards, the celebration moves to Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood. Gates open at 5 p.m., and again All American Girl players will be available for autographs and photos. The Cook County Cheetahs will play the River City Rascals. Tickets are available through the United Way of Southwest Cook County at 708/408-0198, 15100 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462.

Possibly one of the most

unique periods in the history of major league baseball was during the period of 1943 through 1954. During that time, women in dresses played a form of fast pitch softball that eventually evolved into baseball. Philip K. Wrigley, of chewing gum and Chicago Cubs fame, developed the idea. Afraid of losing the better portion of men's baseball players to World War II, he conducted try outs all over the U.S. and Canada for women willing to play in the men's place. There were quite a few talented women who played fast pitch softball. Worries concerning losing men professional ball players to the war did not materialize, although for a while, the Women's League was successful. Interest died out mostly because of the inception of other types of recreation, such as television.

Peggy Fenton played first base for the Muskegon Lassies and the South Bend Blue

Sox. She batted around three hundred throughout her career, which lasted from '46 through '53. She called herself a spray hitter, meaning she hit a lot of singles, doubles and triples, but only one home run. At this point she can't remember whom she hit it against.

Players stayed in private homes, paying room and board during the season. The team provided transportation to away games, whether by bus or car. She remembered rooming with others during spring training. One year, she said the team traveled from Opa Locka, Florida, during spring training, to an exhibition game in Havana, Cuba.

Peggy is a remarkable lady. She grew up on the North Side, playing fast pitch softball for the Chicago Park District Bloomer League. Like so many teens during the Great Depression and later, World War II, she was forced to drop out of

high school in her sophomore year. Her family needed her help bringing in an income. She was engaged in 1943, but lost her fiance during the war. She never married. She earned her G.E.D. in 1955, and attended night school at Loyola for ten years, finally earning a B.A. in Business Administration. Educational opportunities materialized because she spent 26 years in the Reserves after leaving the league; from 1955 thru 1963 with the Marine Corp., and from '63 thru '81 with the Naval Reserve at Glenview. She also worked for Amoco Oil from 1957 until she retired in 1987.

Does she support a professional team? She claims to be a life long Cubs fan. When she was little, she remembers paying 1¢ on the street car for a one way trip to Wrigley Field. The game was free, and Mom always packed a sandwich to eat at the game.

Dioguardi Golf Outing at Palos Country Club

The Dominick "Nick" Dioguardi Memorial Foundation is hosting their third annual golf outing on Friday, August 6, 1999 at the Palos Country Club. Garden Center for the Handicapped has again been chosen as the recipient of this benefit. This not-for-profit organization serves the handicapped population throughout the south suburbs and Chicago area.

Donations may be mailed

to: Dominick Dioguardi Memorial, 3846 W. 110th Place, Chicago, IL 60655.

The following items are needed to make the fund raiser more festive and successful: glitter, garland, cardboard, fabric, ribbons, bows, wrapping paper, gift bags, tinsel, balloons, pens w/silver or gold ink, stars (any size), and shredding (used in gift bags). All these items must be in silver or gold only.

These items can be picked up by calling 708/636-0054, ext. 18; or marking them "Special Events Dept." and dropping off at Garden Center for the Handicapped,

League of Women Voters celebrates 40th Anniversary

The public is invited to join the League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social in celebration of their 40th Anniversary. The celebration will be held on Sunday, July 11th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the gazebo located at 76th Avenue and College Drive in Palos Heights. The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland has over sixty members from thirteen different communities in the

southwest suburban area. There will be no charge for this event. For more information, please call Pat Eden at 708/448-5719.

Board meeting change

The regularly scheduled Chicago Ridge Public Library Board meeting for Monday, July 12, has been changed to Thursday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the library, located at 6301 West Birmingham Avenue. For more information, please contact the Chicago Ridge Library at 423-7753.

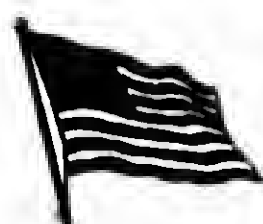
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Krispy Kreme discussed at July 13 Oak Lawn Board meeting

By: F.J. Soczek

The quest to build a Krispy Kreme doughnut franchise on the north side of 95th Street between 54th Ave. and 54th Court took an unexpected turn when Krispy Kreme representative Bob Elkan stated his company "was not interested in proceeding any further" should negotiations with the three effected

Four days of fun at St. Nicholas

Enjoy carnival rides, great food, and free entertainment at St. Nicholas Church, 10301 S. Kolmar Ave. from July 22 - 25. The event is from 6 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, July 22 and July 23; 4 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 24; and noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday, July 25. Admission is free.

Pay \$12 on Thursday and Sunday and get unlimited carnival rides for that day.

Delectable Greek and American food such as: shish-k-bobs, Greek chicken, Greek lasagna, spinach and cheese pie, hamburgers, hot dogs, gyros and heavenly Greek pastries will be sold.

The Shannon Rovers will make two appearances and a variety of musical performances will take place every hour on the hour. There will also be free Greek dancing lessons, and magicians.

For more information call 708/636-5460.

homeowners fail, thereby forcing the Village to invoke eminent domain proceedings.

While several of the homeowners involved expressed consternation at the forced relocation, the neighbors whose property would ultimately border the business complained about the notification methodology used by the Village. A small classified ad in a local paper was used to announce a special meeting to discuss "Business District Number 1."

Concerns about noise, traffic, parking lot lighting, refuse pick-up, as well as property value depreciation were also brought to the Board. The Trustees remained mute when asked "Would you purchase a home next door?" to the planned development.

Despite the often emotional opposition, the Board unanimously approved the motion to create the special business district exclusively for Krispy Kreme.

Although initial drafts of the agreement between the Village and Krispy Kreme provided for a limited time for financial negotiations for the involved properties before formal condemnation proceedings are initiated, Mr. Elkan's concern for the homeowner's objections significantly changes the scenario for the future of the project.

According to a legal draft prepared by the Village June 3, 1999, a circuit

court judge would be asked to determine the "fair market value" of the homes (or commercial properties) in question should negotiations fail and the eminent domain action is forced by the Village.

A number of small business fronting on 95th between 54th Ave. and 54th Court were purchased by the Village and reduced to vacant lots, apparently in anticipation of a larger scale property developer.

The historic and distinctive Chiappetta House and neighboring cottage were also leveled, while a solitary commercial structure on the corner of 95th St. and 54th Ct. has been allowed to decay in developmental limbo as potential suitors vie for the prime real estate.

Only two small businesses remain on the block long "Business District No 1." AHM Mechanical Contractors and Wind Records will be forced to relocate should the Krispy Kreme development proceed.

This will be the second move in a short time for Wind records, which formerly occupied the ill-fated commercial structure several doors west.

Oak Lawn property owner Zofia Gil petitioned the Board of Trustees for a variance involving an indoor height requirement at her property located at 10310-14 South Mansfield.

Ms. Gil explained the basement of her apartment

fails in several areas to meet the minimum ceiling height of 7' as required by the BOCA National Building Code.

The code provides that a ceiling must be no less than 7' to be "habitable" and Gil's property falls short by several inches where apparently covered plumbing drops below the main ceiling. The basement in question would be part of a single unit in the complex. Gil plans to develop into condos.

After prolonged discussion, the Board postponed a decision pending further inspection of the property.

An agreement with the AFSCME Council 31, Local 601 of the AFL-CIO and the Village of Oak Lawn was unanimously approved by the Board. Among the issues approved during recent negotiations include a cost of living salary increase of 2.75% for 1999; 2.65% for 2000 and 2.5% for 2001.

The area of prime concern of the municipal employees had been the Village practice of subcontracting work that had been traditionally done by Union employees. The Village agreed not to lay off bargaining unit employees as a result of the "decision to subcontract the work performed by that employee's position or title."

The Village would retain the right to subcontract work "on an occasional or daily basis."

Mayor Oremus honored in Bridgeview



Longtime friend and former Bedford Park trustee Vince Butler offers his congratulations

By: F.J. Soczek

Friends, family, and supporters gathered at the John A. Oremus center Friday in Bridgeview to express their gratitude to the man who devoted over 40 years of distinguished service to the Village.

Former Village President John A. Oremus was honored with the formal dedication of John A. Oremus Drive, along with a plaque in appreciation of his singular and tireless leadership of the Village.

Following a moving invocation by Salvatore Lema, Master of Ceremonies Daniel Green introduced the many long time friends and colleagues of the former Mayor who fondly recalled the special incidents in which John Oremus touched their lives.

Mayor Steven Landek, acknowledging the intransigence often inherent in the political arena, remarked "All of the divergent voices became one, because it's the right thing to do."

Testimonials continued as the accomplishments of John Oremus were recalled.

The construction of the Village municipal building, the firehouse and major improvements of the infrastructure were among the many projects brought to fruition by Mr. Oremus'

tireless efforts. One supporter remarked "If all of the people John Oremus helped were gathered, the line would stretch from one end of the Village to the other."

The Southwest Conference of Local Governments recently adopted a resolution declaring the week of August 1st 1999 to be John A. Oremus week, noting in particular that "Mr. Oremus has bought recognition to the Village of Bridgeview and to the southwest area as a leader in regional issues by his involvement with the Illinois Municipal League, the Chicago Area Transportation Study, the National League of Cities, the Southwest Council of Mayors and the Southwest Conference of Local Governments.

The honor bestowed by the Southwest Conference represents the affirmation of duly elected government officials representing twenty-one communities in southwest suburban Cook County with a population in excess of 300,000.

While the tangible evidence of Mr. Oremus' lifelong devotion to his community will live on for many generations, perhaps the most valuable legacy left by this tireless public servant was expressed by a lone voice in the great hall Friday night: "Caring is the most important thing in the world."

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Borrower beware!

By Jude Coyle

"Hi, I'm in trouble, and I need money fast. Can you help me?"

"Sure. You need a loan?"

"Yep. What kind of interest do you charge?"

"Three hundred annually, or 25% a month."

"Can I roll this over if I can't pay it off?"

"Sure you can. Simply pay the 25% when the loan comes due, and we will roll it over until next month."

"For no charge?"

"No, you'll still owe the original principal, and you'll have to pay an additional 25% each month you roll it over."

Most title and payday lenders I checked into charge 18% to 20% over a two week period, or 25% over a month, and all one needs to do is turn over his title, a car key, or predate a check until the next payday. There's nothing out of line with that. After all, the individual who applied for that loan made a conscious choice to do so. Right? Okay, I can see it if the individual disparately needs to finance his next visit to the boat.

So what is wrong with

that? First off the prime lending rate is at an all time low. Most banks and mortgage companies are charging between 7 and 10%. What if the borrower has a true emergency and can't wait for bank approval? What if the bread winner is laid off of work, taken ill, or someone in the family is involved in an accident? Long and short term medical care can stress a family's finances to the breaking point, and a loan of this nature can last forever, or at worst, it can cause financial ruin.

Considering the discrepancy between the prime lending rate and the actual rates charged; and that those who are hurt most, are those who need help the most; title and payday loan companies have earned a reputation as 'legalized loan sharks', or the 'pawn shops of the millennium.' When I see the title loan company's sign around the corner from my home I think of pawn shops and bail bondsmen. I wonder about the safety and stability of my home and neighborhood, and several of my neighbors have voiced the same complaint.

So why isn't our state and municipal governments doing something to keep these businesses out of our villages? Because there isn't much anyone can do. Once upon a time the State of Illinois had what is called 'usury laws.' That means loan companies could not charge excessive fees on borrowed money. For whatever reason, those laws don't exist any longer, and that leaves the state virtually unable to control companies of this nature.

According to Cary Horvath, Municipal Attorney for the City of Blue Island, the Illinois Liquor Control Act allows a municipality to dictate the number of liquor licenses available. Unfortunately, there are few laws allowing a village to restrict other types of businesses, or even the number of any given type of business applying for business licenses. Fire or building codes and inspections, background checks where applicable, or even the process requiring businesses to purchase or renew business regulation certificates, are a few tools that a municipal-

ity has to work with. Mr. Horvath said that one can control opening and closing hours, facades, signage, etc., but what is required of one business must be reasonable and must be required of all businesses. To say that Worth or Chicago Ridge will not accept loan companies of this nature, is to say that they will not accept any loan companies within their village's borders. As Village Clerk James Sexton of Evergreen Park told me, to attempt to eliminate any type of business that meets zoning and building requirements, is to invite a lawsuit.

For that reason Senator Patrick O'Malley sponsored public hearings with the Illinois Department of Financial Institutions, both in Oak Lawn and in Springfield. He has a shell bill in place for action during the Fall Veto Session. That means stipulations prescribed in the bill will be determined by the recommendations resulting from the hearings. If nothing else, he hopes to give municipality greater control over siting pawn shops, payday and title loan companies.

Bringing a vision to life

By Jude Coyle

Sandi Federico has lived on the Northeast corner of 98th and California most of her life. Her father bought the home 30 years earlier. She remembers how her father removed dead thorn bushes from the corner right of way, and how hard he tried to grow grass there. The kids from Southeast School, which is located across the street from the Federico home, had always thwarted his best efforts though.

Sandi and her mother, Barbara, live there now. And that corner has remained a problem. Sandi wondered if something else could be done. Maybe she could plant flowers or something, but she wasn't sure if she could make them grow. After several indoor attempts, she discovered that she not only enjoyed making plants grow, but she was pretty good at it. She decided that she'd try that corner after all.

She bought landscaping bricks from a local nursery, and several flats of flowers.

She experimented with plants and colors, and took the time to care for them.

This year is her third attempt, and possibly her best. Using snap dragons, moss roses, impatiens, marigolds, verbena and vinias, Sandi Federico brought life and color to the right of way at Northeast corner of 98th Place and California.

Free hearing screening

The Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization will be sponsoring free hearing screening on Wednesday, August 18, from 9 a.m. till noon at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip. Please register 708/371-2900, extension 28.

Old-time radio lives

Take a journey back in time at the Bridgeview Public Library. The "Those Were the Days" radio players will perform your favorite old-time radio programs live Thursday, July 29th from 7 - 8 p.m. The library is located at 7840 W. 79th St. Call to register at 708/458-2880 or stop in and sign up.



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Triple talented actress recreates Fraulein "Fritzie"

By Joyce Macey

Jeanine Morick, formerly of Rockford, Illinois, said she can relate to the character she brings to life in "Cabaret" running at the Shubert Theater in Chicago until August 7.

The actress brings show stopping brilliance to her role of Fraulein "Fritzie" Kost in the time of Hitler's Germany before World War II. She brings an almost appealing decadence to the role which "Cabaret" projects during the entire show.

"I relate to 'Fritzie' as the survivor through personal feelings. Once you have plugged into her journey in those prewar times you can understand her feelings of frustration facing the acts of survival," Morick said.

According to the actress, the casting director of "Cabaret" said "Fritzie" was the most difficult role to cast. The part called for being able to play the accordion, adapt a German accent, dance, and act.

"I feel the role is a springboard and perhaps a culmination of many things in my life. The role suits my age and voice," the actress continued.

The former Rockford resident attended the Goodman School of Drama. But it was while studying laboratory medicine in Sterling, Illinois that a professor at a local junior college encouraged her to attend Goodman and its two year program.

In Chicago, she appeared at the Steppenwolf Theater in "Road to Nirvana" followed by roles Off-Broadway in Denver and Cincinnati, and on television in "Law and Order" and "The Wright Verdicts."

She has a sister, Elizabeth Friedman, who resides with her husband and their two children in Oak Park. In "real" life Morick owns a 200 year old home on eight acres in the Catskills in New York and an apartment in New York City.

After touring the next seven cities after Chicago

and into 2000, the actress plans to enjoy her home for at least five weeks before responding to the "show must go on" and yet another role.

For tickets to "Cabaret" call (312) 902-1500. The theater is located at 22 West Monroe Street in Chicago.



Jeanine Morick as "Fritzie."

Dear Parents and Residents of Oak Lawn Community High School, District 229:

As I conclude my five years as principal of Oak Lawn Community High School, I would like to thank the many students, parents and members of the business community who have given me their support and encouragement. Deciding to resign my position as principal was extremely difficult, so your calls, letters, and gifts have touched me deeply. You have made it clear that you are very appreciative of what we have accomplished during these five years.

I am proud of our increased graduation and parent/school contact rates, declining drop out rates, steadily rising student attendance and improving student test scores. We have reached out to the community by establishing an "open door

policy," holding monthly "brown bag lunches," and workshops to positively deal with our developing ethnic populations. In addition, our student recognition programs assist in motivating students to excel in both academics and extracurriculars. Students and employees learn and work in a safe and positive environment. Through it all, students have been the school's greatest asset and my number one priority. Of course, no school is perfect, and there are many goals that I would like to have had the opportunity to achieve.

Those of you who have supported and/or participated in these initiatives must remember that this is your school. If you review the newspaper articles about the school board activities since November, 1997, you will find little acknowledgment of the accomplishments mentioned

above. Also, there is little indication that students are a focus. Therefore, I urge the residents, members of the business community, and especially the parents of district 229 to hold our leaders and elected officials accountable. Read the news, attend monthly board meetings, visit the school, ask questions, and be vocal in the press. Be sure that changes are moving in a direction that focuses on all aspects of increased student accomplishment.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with our students as a classroom teacher. Together, by being proactive and knowledgeable, we can help ensure that quality education will continue, and students will remain the focus at OLCHS.

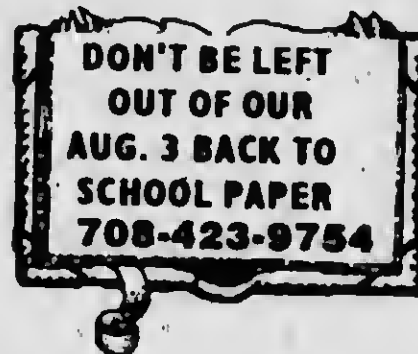
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AARP representative will conduct the course. There is an \$8.00 fee. Call for a reservation at 708/636-8850.

Graduates receive a certificate from the Secretary of State, which may entitle them to a discount on their auto insurance (check with your agent to see if you qualify).



MVCC to host conference

By Jude Coyle

The 15th Annual International Conference on Information Technology will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, on October 20-23. This event is sponsored by the League of Innovation. Four thousand instructors, students, administrators and support staff members are expected to participate. Moraine Valley Community College will act as hosts. Mary Kay Kickels, Conference Chairs, reports that this means MVCC will assist in every aspect of putting together this conference, from providing technical support, to providing assistance in conducting workshops. MVCC has asked that City Colleges of Chicago, Oakton Community College, and the College of DuPage become partners with them in the effort.

The conference showcases advancements in technology, and how to incorporate it in teaching and learn-

ing, leadership, student services, and workforce development. This is a state-of-the-art event, offering hands on computer labs, learning center courses, cutting-edge partner exhibits, international distance learning links, and an on-line learning community. Last year, Bill Gates, Chairman/CEO of Microsoft Corporation, spoke via satellite. John Morgridge, Chairman of the Board, Cisco Systems, Inc., Bob Davis, award winning Wall Street Journal reporter, and Diana Oblinger, Academic Programs Manager at IBM, spoke as well.

The League for Innovation in the Community College is a nonprofit educational consortium of community colleges. Recognizing that the employee of the 21st Century will be required to obtain at least some form of post high school education, and that computer literacy is more than ever

becoming a basic skill, the league's mission is to stimulate experimentation and innovation in all areas of community college development.

League partners include over 100 large corporations and educational organizations. Counted in that group is Microsoft, Dell, IBM, Apple, the American Association of Community Colleges, and The Association of Canadian Colleges. More than 30 international colleges outside of the U.S. and Canada participate in the league's annual institutes and conferences.

Members of the Core Committee are Diane Grund, James Fraites, Linda Naimi, Phil Bierdz, Bill Helmhold, Suzanne Hammersberg, Richard Hinckley, Alexandra Kijak-Wolfe, Sue Linn, John Trout and Mary Kay Kickels.

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This musical is an adaptation of the movie "When Peggy Sue Got Married." To have the same resonance, a musical must adapt a story so that it shows something new or creates it in a way that offers the same satisfaction the original stars and film provoked.

Directed and choreographed by David H. Bell this live version brings a fresh and creative vehicle to

an enthusiastic audience. For some years Mr. Bell has brought outstanding productions to the Chicago area. He has had a twenty year relationship with this theater and while Artistic Director of Washington, D.C.'s historic Ford's Theatre, David directed-choreographed "Hot Mikado" and "Elmer Gantry."

In Chicago he has been nominated for 28 of the Joseph Jefferson Awards, and of those nominations he has won eight. Those productions include "Comedy of Errors" and "Much Ado About Nothing" at Shakespeare Repertory. His 1994 production of "Hot Mikado" at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. received the 1995 Helen Hayes Award for Best Director and was nominated for the Olivier Award for Best Musical.

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Monument drive goes 'over the top'

Committee members for the Stickney-Burbank War Memorial gather at monument site at 85th Street and State Road, Burbank, to celebrate a successful conclusion to the drive that raised over \$50,000 to assure construction and dedication of a monument next Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Left to right, H. Marlin Landwehr, Stickney Township Information Director; Edward Wadas, Township Clerk; Jeff Wells, South Stickney Sanitary District; Ettore Cesario, Township Trustee; Greg Ford, School Township Treasurer; Rev. Robert Stepek, St. Albert the Great Pastor; Senator/Supervisor Louis S. Viverito, Fund Drive Chairman; Harry Klein, Burbank Mayor; Robert Peters, Township Health District Administrator; William Kujawa, Burbank Chief of Police; Robert Zwolinski, Township Highway Commissioner; George Gustafson, South Sanitary District Superintendent; Tim Geary, Novotny & Associates Engineers; Lou Ross, Reavis High School Superintendent.

Viverito congratulated the committee for a "job well done" and thanked the entire community for a "fantastic effort." "It was heartwarming to see the way the entire community got behind this project to pay tribute to the service men and women of all wars and we extend our deep appreciation to all who contributed," he said.

There were over 360 separate donations in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$5,000, including a wide participation by school children throughout the community.

Other members of the committee not pictured above include Vince Cainkar, Attorney; Al Hariff, St. Laurence High School; Richard Marren, South Stickney Sanitary District President; Dr. Earl Peters, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Pastor; B.J. Smith, Barn Restaurant; Lee Smithey, School District 111 Superintendent; Brad Stevens, Prairie Bank & Trust President, and Mitch Szubert, Burbank Park District Director.

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Elder Abuse briefings for professionals

The Suburban Area Agency on Aging will conduct five early morning educational sessions for professionals who work with elderly persons. More than 10,000 professionals who are involved in providing services to the elderly, have been invited to the breakfast briefings that will be held during the last week of July, and the first week of August 1999. These briefings will address the changes in the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act that mandates that these professionals report suspected cases of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation when the individual, because of dysfunction is unable to report for themselves. The Area Agency invites any individual who is involved in the care of the elderly to attend one of the following sessions. On July 26, Oak Lawn Community Center, 4625

110th Street, Oak Lawn; July 30, Schaumburg Community Center, 505 North Springinsguth, Schaumburg; August 3, Irwin Community Center, 18120 Highland, Homewood; August 4, River Forest Community Center, 8020 Madison Avenue, River Forest; August 5, New Trier Township, 739 Elm Street, Winnetka. Each one hour briefing will begin at 7:30 a.m. Coffee will be served.

This new protective measure for elders, which became effective January 1, 1999, is required by the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act of Illinois and affects all business and service professionals who serve or care for people age 60 or older. For more information regarding the Act or for directions to the Educational Briefings call Lesley Janusz at 1-800-699-9043.

By Jude Coyle

On Thursday, July 15, four members of Congressman William O. Lipinski's staff traveled to Bridgeview to meet with constituents who are not able to travel to one of his service offices. The boundaries of the Third Congressional District are incredibly large, running from 183rd, or Tinley Park on the South, and I-290, or Berwyn and North Riverside on the North. Over the years, Congressman Lipinski has found that three service offices, Oak Lawn, LaGrange and Chicago, aren't enough. So twice a month staff members travel to outlying areas.

Rita Pula handles military and veterans' affairs. She has been able to help rectify problems for service men and women serving on bases all over the world. She has been able to help veterans apply for benefits, or straighten out problems. And she secures appointments to military academies. She laughs about how scrawny teenagers will come to her, asking her for help to get them into the Air Force or Naval Academies. After years of constant exercise and discipline, the next time Rita sees that person, he or she is a brawny military officer with incredible bearing and manners. The officer will address her, saying "Yes, Ma'am," and "No, Ma'am." Early in her employment with Congressman Lipinski, a man came to her

ability can be a frustrating chore, and sometimes an attorney is needed. But not everyone can afford one. Jerry can help them, advising constituents with paperwork they'll need, and often cutting through the red tape and securing disability on the first try.

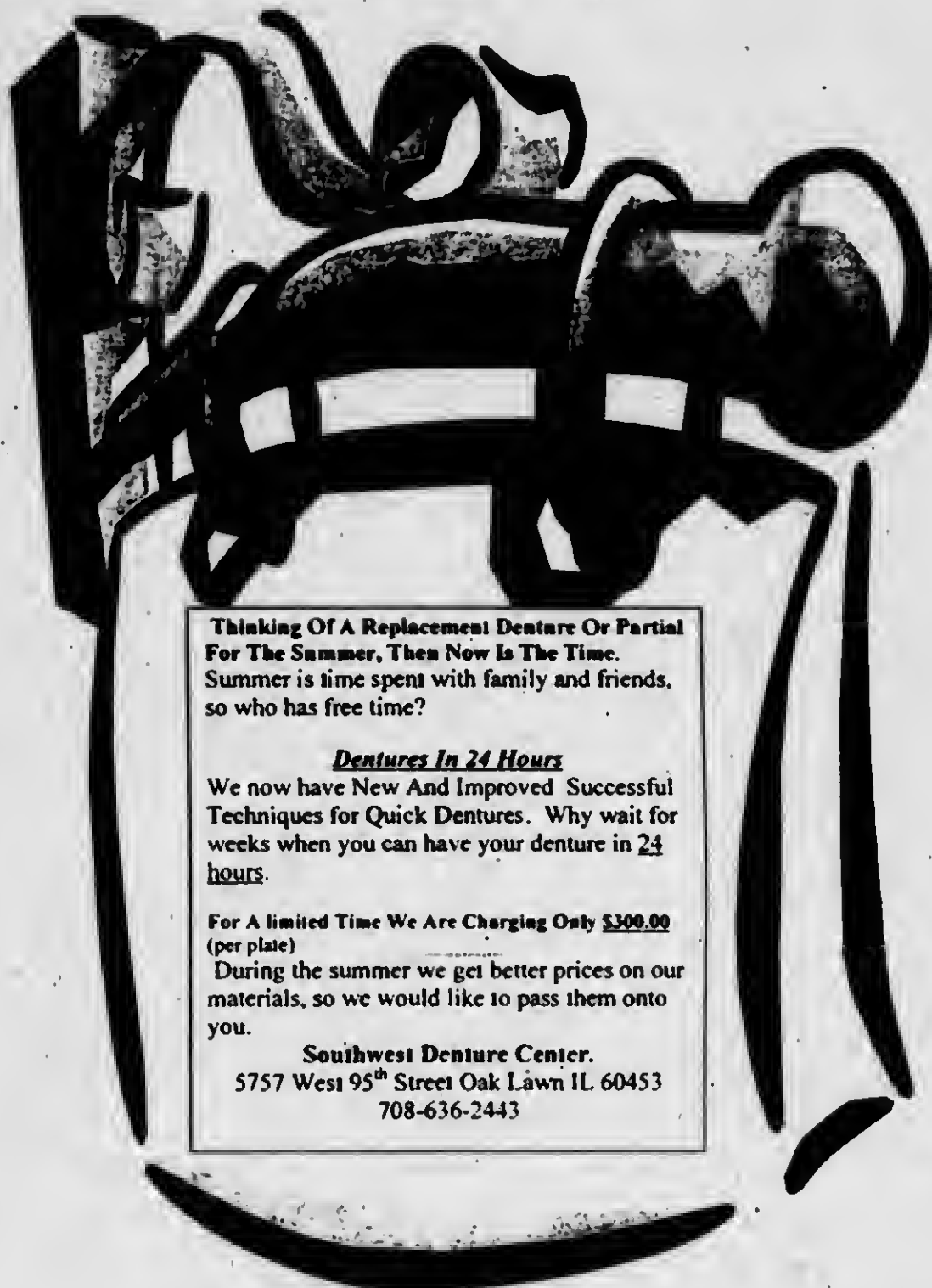
Lenore Goldfriend works with the Post Office and the I.R.S. Most postal problems are minor, and can be recti-

fied with a phone call. The I.R.S. is notoriously difficult to deal with. She has been able to set up payment plans on overdue taxes, sometimes helping to negotiate a settlement or eliminate some penalty fees. In one instance she helped a woman who suffered from M.S. Her account with the I.R.S. was declared uncollectible.

Jim Hardy is the person to talk to if someone wishes to

sponsor a family member for immigration. He helps constituents with immigration and related problems. I didn't get a chance to talk to Jim to find out exactly what kind of issues he deals with, as he was tied up while I was there.

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KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE By Kathy Whirity

Unpatriotic acts

I received an interesting call the other day from an elderly woman whose bit of news, she was sure, would make a good column. I listened as she began telling me about her son, a former Air Force Staff Sergeant, who had spent four years in the military, two of those years served in Vietnam. Like countless veterans before him, he came home to the double edged confusion of feeling proud to have served his country honorably while battling the criticism of those who didn't share in his ideals.

It has been over thirty years since this country got into a battle whose actions would still be debated, regretted and defended, long after our young men left the rice fields of a strange place with names they could hardly pronounce, yet they would never ever forget.

As I listened to this mom speak of her deeply patriotic middle-aged son, I couldn't help but wonder why she didn't get in touch with me before the 4th of July. It would have made a positive Independence Day column.

Then the caller explained that the reason for her correspondence was partly out of anger, partly out of frustration that the virtue of integrity is obviously not something all Americans possess.

Her son Wayne has not forgotten the others who weren't as fortunate, as he, to return to the country they so eagerly went off to defend. He honors their memory by way of a P.O.W. flag that flaps in the winds of freedom, on the flag pole out in front of his house. That is, until it was stolen, right from where it so gallantly displayed the sentimental remembrance of Americans who are missing from our homeland, but definitely not our hearts.

Tire tracks leading right up to the crime scene are the only visible evidence that thieves were up to no good. This is the type of crime that ranks up there with stealing flowers off a strangers grave. You go to a loved one's grave site one day, and the beautiful flowers you've been watering and nurturing are gone, leaving an empty void in your heart as you wonder how anyone with a conscience could profit from such a crime.

I'm sure that's the same kind of anxiety that this dedicated Vietnam Vet felt as he looked out to see an empty space where a symbol of loyalty use to be, however the ruthless acts of the thugs who decided to take it, will go on and on. Thieves without a conscience can steal material possessions that are convictions of our emotions, but the sincerity of these special messages will always be a heart beat away, a thought never far from our thoughts.

In the Village of Burbank there stands an empty flag pole stripped of its patriotic decoration.

I only hope that the crooks who steal such symbols of love will one day develop a conscience that will have them questioning their dignity.

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Fairs and Fests

Nicole Kaafe hopes to become Miss Illinois

By Jude Coyle

Nicole Kaafe plans to represent Blue Island in the Miss Illinois competition. The competition will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, on November 26 through 28. The Pageant will take place on November 28.

Miss U.S.A./Miss Universe is owned by Donald Trump. To be eligible, one must be between the ages of 19 and 26. Nicole entered by calling a number appearing in the credits of last year Miss America's broadcast. She received an application in the mail, filled it out and sent it in along with photos. She learned she was accepted just recently.

There is no talent competition in the Miss Illinois Pageant. Nicole will compete in the swim suit and the gown competitions. During the three day period judges will make their choices from those competitions and how she answers a number of questions. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, several small prizes and the chance to compete

in the Miss U.S.A. Pageant. Nicole is 19 and graduated from Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in '97. She lives at home with her Mom, Christina, and her younger sister, also named Christina. Nicole attends Harrington Institute of Interior Design,

where she studies architecture and interior design. She hopes to design residential interiors in the future. Nicole also placed as second runner up in the Miss Chicago pageant Teen Division.

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Her address is 2052 High Street, Blue Island, IL

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Kelsey to address Oak Lawn Kiwanis

Susan Kelsey, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis, Thursday, July 29, following a 12:15 p.m. luncheon at the Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside, Burbank.

Judy Bornhart, coordinator, announced that Susan will explain the function of her company.

Susan received her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa and has completed her thesis with a master's degree in health law from DePaul University.

She is married and the mother of three children.

Gerald R. Ford Museum exhibits The American Century

There is nearly 500 historic artifacts, documents, costumes and other items assembled from over one hundred institutions and individuals to form The American Century, the largest display in the history of America's presidential libraries, running exclusively at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, through October 17, 1999.

Beginning in the museum's lobby, a 32 foot long mural of downtown Grand Rapids circa 1900, introduces visitors to what is, in effect, a walk through the twentieth century. Overhead a one-quarter scale model of the first Wright Brothers airplane is suspended above a Model T and early bicycle. William McKinley's White House rocking chair, a passport used by Margaret Sanger, and Harry Truman's World War I uniform.

Nearby, a flagpole sitter from the Twenties ushers visitors into the decade that roared. The biology text-

book that sparked the celebrated Scopes' Monkey Trial is on display, along with Scott Fitzgerald's hip flask, Louis Armstrong's trumpet, and costumes from the original 1927 production of Showboat. Elsewhere, visitors can stand on a ship at Pearl harbor, encounter residents of Japanese internment camps, and enter a recreated movie palace to see a century's worth of Hollywood's greatest moments.

A 1950s fallout shelter and an enormous mural of Levittown serve as backdrops for Elvis Presley, Mamie Eisenhower, and - what else? - a La-Z-Boy recliner. The history of radio and television are traced in detail. So is the rise of suburban life and the origin of the modern civil rights movement. Whites Only signs that once limited access to water fountains and restrooms are displayed beside the Rev. Martin Luther Kings 1957 telegram to the Eisenhower White House expressing gratitude for

like's use of federal troops to integrate Little Rock's Central High School.

There is a field uniform from Vietnam, primitive computers and early packaging from McDonalds and other consumer giants. Silkscreens by Andy Warhol hang near letters to the Fords from Gloria Steinem, Mr. Rogers' sweater and sneakers, Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie, a hockey stick used by Wayne Gretzky, and handwritten notes from President Carter's negotiations at Camp David which led to a landmark agreement between Egypt and Israel.

The exhibit's concluding section unfolds beneath a forest of oversized tabloid covers and in front of a full scale replica of the Unabomber's cabin. Artifacts here relate to the Gulf War and acts of terrorism including the World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombings. On a lighter note, Barry Sanders' football jersey, Forrest Gump's movie fatigues, and the bat Cal

Ripkin Jr. used on the day he broke the record for the most consecutive games played (and later presented to President Clinton) are on display.

Working off a 60,000 word script written by Museum Director Richard Norton Smith, Curator James Kratsas, Registrar Don Holloway, and Exhibit Specialist Bettina Demetz undertook a vast scavenger hunt, locating hundreds of historically significant items before negotiating their loan, transportation, exhibition and return. The result is a once-in-a-century event - made even more significant by the recent addition to the Ford Museum of the steel staircase that once stood atop the old U.S. Embassy in Saigon. When the building was demolished last summer, the stairway was preserved for permanent exhibition in Grand Rapids, where it complements a large slab from the Berlin Wall as a symbol of the unquenchable human desire for freedom.

OCS announce trips

Evergreen Park seniors can partake in one-day trips being offered at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park. For further information or tickets stop in at Room 107, or phone 422-8776.

Porter County Potpourri - Tuesday, August 31; Tickets - \$49.00 - Includes trip to Dunes State Park Nature Center, Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University, tour of Anderson Orchards and dinner. Bus departs at 7:30 a.m. and returns approximately 3:45 p.m.

"Fosse" - Tuesday, September 14; Tickets - \$64.00 - Ford Center for the Performing Arts. Opening Night performance. Bus departs at 6 p.m. and returns at 11 p.m.

Stellar Trip - Thursday, September 30; Tickets - \$59.00 - Admission to Planetarium's new Star Rider Theatre and renovated museum, lunch at Planet Hollywood, time at Navy Pier and lakefront tour on a "duck". Bus departs at 9 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m.

Autumn Splendor - Friday, October 29; Tickets - \$47.00 - Tour Arboretum in Lisle, lunch at Rainforest Cafe in Woodfield, hay-wagon tour, visit Goebbert's Pumpkin and Farm Market. Bus departs at 8:45 a.m. and returns at 3:45 p.m.

Millennium on Ice - Tuesday, November 9; Tickets - \$32 - (Drury Lane in Evergreen) Champion skaters provide entertaining trip through century of American music. Luncheon at noon, show at 2 p.m.

Pool memberships available at Bridgeview Park District

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, is offering memberships for sale for their 1999 pool season, which continues through August 29.

A variety of memberships are available including family, individual, senior, and daily passes for residents and nonresidents.

Bridgeview Park District features an outdoor pool with a lap lane, diving "pit" with three varying degrees of diving boards, and a kiddie pool with a mushroom sprinkler.

Basic pool hours, weather permitting, are 12 p.m. to dusk, Monday through Friday; 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays; and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays.

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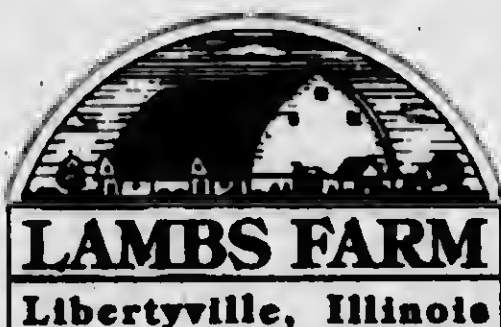
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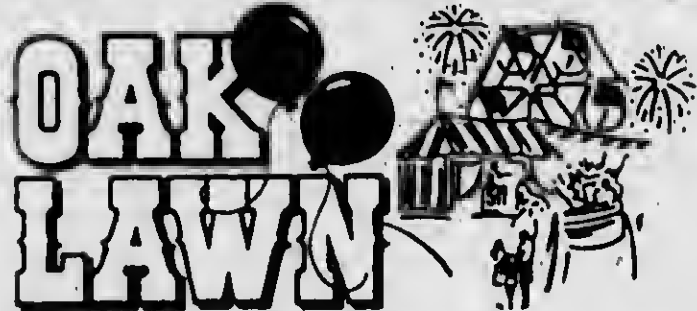
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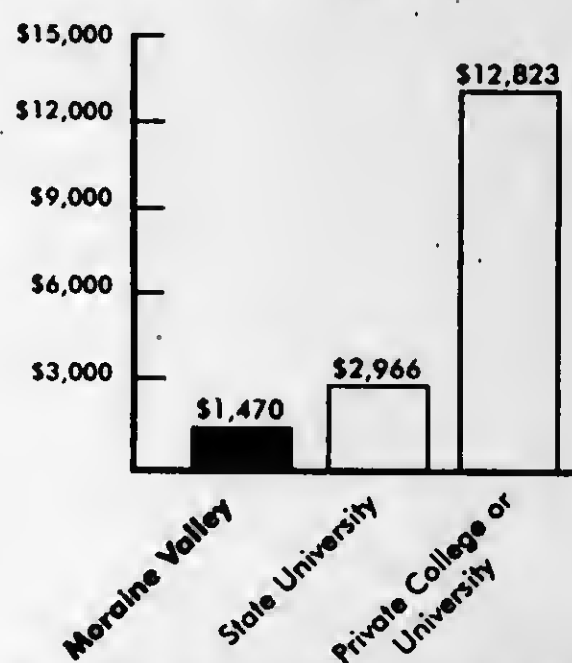
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Governor signs O'Malley 'double whammy' relief bill

Southwest area school districts hit hard financially during the triennial assessment by the "double whammy" of property tax caps and inequities in the state's school-aid formula will receive a financial boost by the state, under a new law championed by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

House Bill 1134 was signed by Gov. George Ryan July 14 at Kolmar School in Midlothian.

"It was pleasing to see the number of local school officials and municipal leaders in attendance at the signing ceremony," O'Malley said. "Their presence really brought home the message that educating our children is a team effort. Good schools require enlightened leadership by our municipal governments as well as our school boards."

House Bill 1134 provides a onetime \$10.3 million payment to those school districts in the south triad suburbs of Cook County adversely affected by the triennial assessment during the first year of the new formula. The bill also makes it easier for all districts hit by the "double whammy" to get relief.

"The concepts behind the 1997 school reform were good. Property tax caps have saved homeowners millions," O'Malley said. "However, the inequitable nature of the state school-aid formula, which offsets rising property values with less state aid, means many school districts have suffered revenue losses twice. Hardest hit are those school districts in areas where property values increased after the triennial assessment."


Chicago schools CEO Paul Vallas has credited O'Malley's persistence and courage for passing "the most important structural change to the school funding formula this session."

"One major flaw in the school-aid formula is that it penalizes school districts that are reassessed. This is one change that is long overdue. This bill will not only benefit the City of Chicago but have an even more significant impact on suburban schools," Vallas said. "This is something Senator O'Malley has been working for since he was elected to the Senate. He was the lone wolf on this proposal for a number of years and it is his persistence and courage that got this legislation through."

Bloom Township School Treasurer Robert Grossi reports the onetime grant will mean substantial revenue enhancements in additional state aid for local school districts, including the following.

School District	One-Time Grant
Evergreen Park Elementary	\$400,991.22
Atwood Heights	125,848.85
Alsip Hazelgreen Oak Lawn	9,835.97
Worth	182,141.97
Chicago Ridge	188,366.74
Cook County School Dist. 130	508,854.95
Kirby	782,230.95
Forest Ridge	278,305.62
Midlothian	319,610.29
Foxen Robbins Elementary	76,151.00
Arbor Park School	209,219.03

O'Malley says he worked closely on the new law with Vallas, Grossi, School District 143 Superintendent Bill Small; Ann Dickett, legislative director of SCOPE; and Mike Hollingsworth, financial director for School District 143.



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By Anita Anderson

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Mossant takes its name from a famous Parisian milliner in 19th Century Paris. Its facade is a dramatic dark red, leaded glass transoms and French style graphics.

Eudy who is from California works with the seasons and what comes from local farmer's gardens. He is also doing research with organic growers in and around Illinois.

The chef uses sauces to enhance and not overpower the flavors of his food. A port dish is a popular item with customers who like the white, ruffles and a bordelaise sauce which accompanies the pork.

All of the chef's salad greens are grown in Wisconsin and many of the fruits he uses are grown in the Midwest.

The young chef offers appetizers like a Duck Confit served with frisee salad and a raspberry vinegar, marinated grilled shrimp and summer vegetable ratatouille with chili, fennel and curry oils or crispy sweetbreads with a mache salad and red wine with shallot vinaigrette.

Fruit-Crab Cocktail

- 1 7-1/2-ounce can (1 cup) crab meat, chilled, flaked, and cartilage removed
- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) grapefruit segments, chilled and drained
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons catsup
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Dash bottled hot pepper sauce

Alternate crab meat and grapefruit sections in lettuce-lined glasses. Combine mayonnaise, catsup, lemon juice, and hot pepper sauce chill. Pour over crab and grapefruit.

Another popular dish is the rabbit sausage with brioche toast or pan-seared sea scallops with apple-currant chutney and calvados cream. All illuminate the chef's originality.

A caramelized five-onion soup with gruyere croutons is popular and the herb-crusted goat cheese salad baked on country bread croutons with watercress, sherry mushrooms and truffle essence are equally as tempting.

Entrees like herb-roasted chicken with grand-mere mashed potatoes and vegetables or Prince Edward Island Mussels steamed in white wine, saffron and tomato broth also are ordered frequently.

Eudy has worked with top French chefs who include Lucie Costa and Denis Sorian.

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SEAFOOD SALAD

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- 12 each shrimp, peeled & de-veined
- 12 each

Chex BBQ Mix

- 3 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 3 cups Corn Chex cereal
- 1 1/4 cups pretzel twists
- 1 1/4 cups bite-size cheese crackers
- 3/4 cup honey-roasted peanuts
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 3/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Scallops, side mussel removed

- 1/2 lb. baby mixed greens, washed
- 1 each
- cucumber, slice in rounds
- 1 cup dice tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped mixed sweet herbs
- 2 each shallots, chopped fine
- Balsamic vinegar
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper freshly cracked

Heat pan. Season shrimp and scallops. Sauté for one minute each side. De-glaze with balsamic and cook in 400° over 2 minutes.

Make Salad Dressing:

Whip chopped shallots, 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, and 8 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil with chopped herbs

Assemble Dish:

Make a ring of cucumber rounds in center of plate and dressed salad on top, arrange shrimp and scallops around salad. Garnish with tomato, chopped herbs and extra dressing.

1. Stir together cereals, pretzels, crackers and peanuts in large microwaveable bowl; set aside.

2. Stir together remaining ingredients until blended.

3. Pour over cereal mixture in bowl, stirring until evenly coated.

4. Microwave uncovered on High 10 minutes, stirring every 3 minutes.

5. Spread on aluminum foil or paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.



Chef Eudy

Steak, Pasta & Artichoke Toss

- 1 1/2 pound boneless beef sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
- 4 cups uncooked tri-colored rotelle (spiral-shaped) pasta
- 1 can (14 ounces) quartered artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into julienne strips
- 1 cup small pitted ripe olives (optional)
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh basil
- 1/2 cup prepared balsamic vinaigrette

1. Place beef steak on rack in broiler pan so surface of meat is 3 to 4 inches from heat. Broil steak 16 to 21 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning once. Let stand ten minutes. Trim fat from steak. Cut steak lengthwise in half and then crosswise into thin slices.

2. Meanwhile cook pasta according to package directions. Drain; rinse with cold water.

3. In large bowl, combine beef, pasta, artichoke hearts, bell pepper, olives, if desired, and fresh basil.

4. Pour balsamic vinaigrette over beef mixture.

Reunion - time to share

Family reunions are meant for sharing good times and great food.

Cherished family recipes and contemporary newcomers, share the spotlight on tables laden with mouth-watering morsels. All-American beef dishes like Favorite Family Meatloaf are always a hit when the family gathers. Starring ground beef seasoned with onion, garlic and thyme and topped with barbecue sauce, it's moist and delicious - a comforting homestyle food that evokes memories of Mom's kitchen.

For the reunion, double the recipe

Favorite Family Meatloaf

Total preparation & cooking time: 1 hour and 35 minutes

- 2 pounds 80% lean ground beef
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 large clove garlic, crushed
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/3 cup prepared barbecue sauce

1. Heat oven to 350°. In large bowl, combine all ingredi-

ents except barbecue sauce; mix lightly but thoroughly.

2. On rack on broiler pan, shape beef mixture into 10 x 4" loaf. Bake in 350° oven 1 hour and 10 minutes. Generously brush meatloaf with barbecue sauce. Continue baking five to ten minutes to medium doneness (160°) or until center is no longer pink and juices show no pink color.

3. Cool meatloaf slightly. Tightly wrap meatloaf; refrigerate up to 2 days for use in Southern BBQ Meatloaf Sandwiches (recipe follows).

Southern BBQ Meatloaf Sandwiches

Total preparation time: 15 minutes

Favorite Family Meatloaf

- 1 cup prepared barbecue sauce
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 8 onion rolls or hamburger buns, split
- 1 cup prepared creamy coleslaw
- 1 In small bowl, combine barbecue sauce, vinegar and pepper; mix well.

2. Cut meatloaf into 16 slices. Place two slices on bottom half of each roll; top each with approximately 2 tablespoons sauce and 2 tablespoons coleslaw. Close sandwiches.

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By David R. Sayre

Our past columns have covered attitude and goals. I would hope that all of you have decided to take control of your finances and use these summer days to begin setting some financial goals. This week's column will begin to show how getting started will make a positive difference in your financial future.

One of the first things you need to do is divide your goals and your money into different time frames. As an example, when working with families, I normally advise them to utilize the following guidelines:

Type or Term of Money	Time Frame
* Short Term Money	0-1 or 2 years
* Mid Term Money	3-5 years
* Long Term Money	5 or more years

You will see that by developing a time frame for your investments, you are telling yourself to use different types of investments. Your passbook savings or checking accounts may make excellent short term use of your funds and are very convenient, however, for longer term needs such as retirement or college for your youngster, these investments will not suffice. On the other hand, Mutual Funds make an excellent choice for mid to long term investing, but should never be used for short-term need, i.e. next month's vacation to Disney World.

A word of caution: "Never use short term products for long term needs, and never use long term products for short term needs."

As this is a joint effort, your next "goal" is to make a list of your various accounts/investments and put them into the proper time frames.

Next issue: Matching Investments to Time Frames

Mr. Sayre is a Registered Representative with David A. Noyes & Co., in Oak Lawn, Illinois. David A. Noyes & Co. is a New York Stock Exchange member and has been in business since 1908. Mr. Sayre works by appointment only and can be reached at 708-229-1711.

Pay day car title loan

By F.J. Soczek

Clearly, we have become a society increasingly dependent on instant gratification: Drive in, drive through fast food establishments; automated teller machines for banking; personal communication and connectivity via pager, digital phone, fax and the internet; instant riches courtesy of scratch-off lottery tickets and equally swift losses thanks to riverboat slot machines.

Pay Day and Car Title loan companies appear to be a natural manifestation of the above trends, offering a supply to fill a demand in an extremely competitive marketplace. And they appear, for now,

to be multiplying in exponential proportions.

Essentially, these businesses offer a relatively fast, short term loan (usually less than \$500) for rates considerably above those charged by the more traditional lending institutions. Up to 700 percent more when considered in the traditional, annual percentage rate context.

Several local elected officials (State Senator Patrick O'Malley and Oak Lawn Trustee Steven Rosenbaum) have called for governmental regulation of these lenders, based on what they perceive as the potential for financial ruination of those already on less than sound fiscal ground.

At least a half-dozen (including currency exchanges) businesses offer either "pay day" or "car title" loans in the Oak Lawn area, with most having opened within the last year. While terms and conditions of the loans vary, the following appear representative of the current lending trends:

Business "A" is a tiny storefront located in a strip mall on a major thoroughfare. The office configuration is much like the "traditional" currency exchange: a heavy, bullet proof glass partition separates the solitary employee from the customer. Explanations of the loan procedures are verbally presented through the small opening in the barrier. A copy of the interest rates for each loan amount is posted on the wall: The cost for a loan of \$100 until the borrower's next pay day is listed at \$2.00 per day. The maximum \$500 loan is \$10.00 per day.

In order to qualify for a loan, a check stub, 6 months employment, a bank statement and a check for the amount of the loan and interest is required.

Verification calls are made to the employer and bank, and the loan applicant "gets cash in less than 5 minutes."

Business "B" is a larger, more spacious structure, also located near a major intersection. Here, again, terms and conditions of the secured loan were verbally presented by one of the several employees evident.

Qualification for the "Car Title" loan requires a current check stub, vehicle title, drivers license and examination of the vehicle on which the loan may be made.

Customer privacy and confidentiality appeared non-existent. One "applicant" (with title in hand) was being "interviewed" at a table located in the center of the public reception area.

The loan applicant's employer is called for verification. While the applicant retains possession of the vehicle, a sign prominently displayed near the exit states "spare keys are required on all loans."



Back row, from left: Michelle Simmons, M.G. Simmons & Associates; Jackie Pope, Target Group, Inc.; Robert Connor, U.S. Small Business Administration; Lilke Cooper, Department of Purchasing, City of Chicago; George Peters, ComEd; Elizabeth Scully, Office of Contract Compliance, Cook County; Clarence Pope, CTA; Kathy Ahillen, Motorola; Maurita Cain Gates, Chicago Housing Authority; Sandra Rand, United Airlines; Carol Dougal and Hedy Ratner, WBDC co-presidents; (Front row, from left) Marta Cerda, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority; Gladys Rodriguez, Illinois Department of Contract Management Services Business Enterprise Program; Amy Crowe, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District; Nancy Murphy, J & J Exhibitor Services, Inc.; Arcila Stahl, Ameritech; and Debra Jennings-Johnson, BP Amoco.

Women's Business and Buyers Mart creates business opportunity

Corporations and government agencies who want to do business with women business owners can increase the opportunity by becoming exhibitors at the Women's Business and Buyers Mart to be held at Navy Pier, 600 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, during the thirteenth annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference, themed "Women-Owned Businesses Shape the New Century," on Wed., September 8, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event is organized by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), a nonprofit organization that assists women entrepreneurs in growing their businesses.

Ameritech will sponsor the Women's Business and Buyers Mart for the seventh consecutive year. Arcila Stahl, manager, Supplier Diversity, Ameritech, is

chairperson of the Mart Advisory Committee.

Conference co-chairperson Judith Gold, director of policy, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago, and chairperson, Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, added: "The Mart has grown each year because an increasing number of companies and government agencies recognize the value of reaching a large number of women at a single event." In addition, Gold explained that a major highlight of the conference has always been the women business owners who do not buy but sell—where contacts are made that lead to contracts.

The conference, which is expected to attract more than 3,000 women, has grown into "one of the leading events nationwide for women who want to start a business, women who are

ready to expand a business, women entrepreneurs seeking financing, and women who want to do business with government agencies and corporations," said conference co-chairperson Debra Jennings Johnson, director, Supplier Diversity, BP Amoco.

In addition to the Mart, other highlights at the conference will include the Luncheon Forum, sponsored by the Chicago Sun-Times, featuring nationally-recognized successful women entrepreneurs, the annual Hall of Fame Awards Breakfast, sponsored by Fannie Mae, and a variety of business development panel discussions led by local women entrepreneurs.

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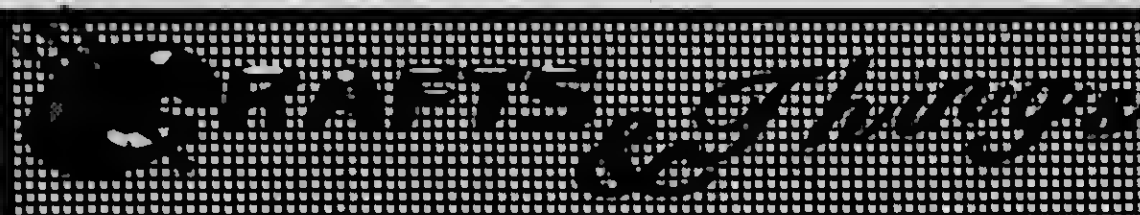
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Lipinski introduces bill to limit carry-on baggage

Congressman Bill Lipinski, the Ranking Democratic Member on the House Subcommittee on Aviation, introduced the Carry-on Baggage Reduction Act of 1999. The legislation directs the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to issue a regulation limiting airline passengers to two pieces of carry-on baggage that together do not exceed 45 linear inches (9" x 14" x 22").

"As a Member of Congress, I fly at least two times a week when Congress is in session," Representative Lipinski explained. "As a result, I have seen firsthand the increase, in both size and number, of passengers' carry-on baggage. More and more people are flying each day with more and more carry-on baggage."

"However, excessive carry-on baggage can cause tremendous problems on crowded passenger aircraft," Lipinski said. "For example, takeoffs are often significantly delayed while passen-

gers struggle to find adequate space to stow their carry-on baggage. In addition, objects stuffed into the overhead bins often shift during flight and fall unexpectedly, hitting passengers seated below. In fact, it is estimated that each year over 4,500 people, including both passengers and flight crew, suffer injuries related to carry-on baggage."

"Because of the many problems caused by excessive carry-on baggage, I have introduced legislation that will limit each passenger to just two reasonably sized bags," Congressman Lipinski said. "This will create a national standard for reasonably sized carry-on baggage that can easily fit in overhead compartments and under airline seats. I have no doubt that this bill will improve the efficiency and the safety of air travel."

Flight attendants have also had long-standing concerns about the problems caused by excessive carry-on baggage. In November 1998, the

Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) filed a petition with the FAA requesting a rule requiring airlines to limit carry-on baggage legislation.

"AFA strongly supports Congressman Lipinski's efforts to finally move towards one consistent rule to limit carry-on baggage for the aviation industry," said Patricia Friend, International President of the Association of Flight Attendants, AFL-CIO. "We applaud his efforts and will work with him to solve this safety problem."

Congressman Bill Lipinski introduced similar legislation limiting carry-on baggage in the 105th Congress. Although the House Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the bill on June 11, 1998, further action was not taken by the House of Representatives. In the 106th Congress, Senator Inouye (D-HA) has introduced companion legislation in the Senate.



Sister Margaret Zalot, Julie Bumbel, Jaclyn Bumbel, Mrs. Judith Bumbel, and Sister Margaret Mary Mazgelis.

Alumnae Scholarship awarded to incoming Maria student

Jacklyn Bumbel was awarded an Alumnae Scholarship for the 1999-2000 school year at Maria High School. Sister Margaret Zalot, Maria High School President and Sister Margaret Mary Mazgelis, Maria High School Board Member, presented the award to Jacklyn at the St. Gall Elementary School Graduation Ceremony on June 5, 1999. For the 1999-2000 school year, Maria students will be receiving over \$3000,000 in scholarships/financial aid.

Wrightwood Improvement holds garage sale

Mark your calendar, the Wrightwood Improvement Association is having their second Super Garage Sale of the season on Saturday, August 21, at Luther South High School located on the corner of 87th Street and Kedzie Avenue, the time is from 8 a.m. to dusk.

The price is \$10 per 10' x 10' space, you must bring your own table(s). There will be no assigned places.

If you are interested in being a seller, please make your check payable to the Wrightwood Improvement Association, to the attention of Irene Navratil, Financial Secretary, and mail to 3209 W. 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois 60652. For more information call the office at 773/476-2546.



Senior Anabel Zavala and incoming freshmen Bianca Nestor

Lourdes students tutor freshmen

Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street, is proud of six students this summer: Anabel Zavala, a member of the National Honor Society and the Lourdes High School Show Choir; Jenifer Huestis, the President of the National Honor Society and also a member of the Show Choir; Patrice Robinson, a member of the Archdiocesan Tutoring Program and Assistant to the Choir Director; Natalie Pardo, a member of the Lion Times Newspaper Staff and a member of the Show Choir; Maricela Sanchez, a member of the National Honor Society, Show Choir, and Lion Times

Newspaper Staff.

These five young ladies have given up their summer to tutor incoming freshmen during Lourdes' Summer School Program. They will be tutoring in Mathematics and English. They are looking forward to being Big Sisters and role models for incoming freshmen.

In addition, Elizabeth Anderson, a member of the Varsity Basketball and Softball teams and a Booster Club member, is volunteering as a teacher's aide in the English and Physical Education Departments.



Donna Schmoeller

Marquette National Bank promotes Schmoeller

Marquette National Bank is proud to announce the promotion of Donna Schmoeller to Documentation Officer in the Credit Administration Department. Donna will supervise document preparation for the commercial loan department.

Moore to address Golden Eagle Club

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Golden Eagle Club, Wednesday,

Schmoeller brings over 22 years of banking experience to this position. Prior to joining Marquette a year ago, Donna was employed by Pullman Bank & Trust Company as a loan administration officer.

She has earned a business certificate from Triton College. Donna resides in Elk Grove Village with her husband where she enjoys golfing in her spare time. Schmoeller also is the corresponding secretary for the Women's Club of Elk Grove Village.

July 28, at 10 a.m. at Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth.

Stacy Korres, coordinator, announced that Moore will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office and services available to Cook County residents.

Mr. Moore served with distinction for four terms as Illinois State Representative. He has also been very active in civic affairs over the years. The Cook County Board recently approved a resolution that he should fill the vacant seat of Jesse White, who was elected Illinois Secretary of State.



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Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp - The Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp, August 9 to August 13, will be

offered to children ages 6 - 14 years old. Camp will be held at the Krueger Park, Hickory Hills, 9100 S. 88th Ave. from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fee is \$189.00. Registration is currently taking place.

Ravinia - The bus will leave the park department at 5:30 p.m. For the Ravinia Festival on Saturday, August 28. The fee for residents is \$25.00, nonresidents is \$30.00 (fee includes transportation only). Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Register now.

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Law closes loophole on DUI offenders

A new law will prevent drivers convicted of driving under the influence in other states from receiving court supervision in Illinois, according to State Sen. Christine Radogno.

The LaGrange Senator sponsored House Bill 1813 that was signed into law by Gov. George Ryan. It closes a loophole where a person who had an out-of-state DUI conviction could receive supervision for a second or subsequent offense in Illinois.

"The legislature has focused over the past few years on reducing the number of

drunk drivers on our roads, including the prevention of court supervision for a second violation for DUI," said Radogno, sponsor of the state's .08 law. "This law adjusts our current laws to prevent an out-of-state driver from receiving court supervision if they are arrested again for drunk driving in Illinois. This is an extra step that will definitely help keep drunk drivers off our roadways, no matter what state they are from."

The law is supported by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Secretary of State Jesse White and the Illinois

Department of Transportation. It become effective on Jan. 1, 2000.

Worth Farmers' Market

Waste Management and Country Squire Florist will host the July 28th Farmers' Market at Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Avenue in the Village of Worth. Farmers' Market customers will be able to have a caricature drawing made of themselves by Cupcake Family Funtime Clowns. There will be floral arranging demonstrations from 10 a.m. until noon. Come and have lunch at the market. Items available for

sale include fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, mushrooms, breads, bakery items, Cajun sausages, herbs, spices and much more. The Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is sponsored by the Village of Worth.

Grassroots Homeschoolers meetings

On Wednesday, August 4th and August 18th, Grassroots will meet at McCarthy Park, located at 171st and 80th Avenue, in Tinley Park please contact Arlene at (708) 720-1637 or Jody at (708) 597-1329.

Southside dancers kick up their heels

By Jude Coyle

Dennehy School of Irish Dance, a South-Side Institution, is moving from their old digs in Mt. Greenwood, into Eric Pappas, Baseball Alley, at 2555 W. 111th Street. For more than thirty five years, the Dennehy's have taught girls and boys between the ages of three and 18, the basic jig and reel. As the students advance, they learn more intricate movements, and begin to compete.

Teacher Kathy Dennehy learned from the best. She learned from her father, Dennis Dennehy. She's very thankful to her parents for teaching her to dance, which she dearly loves, but also for sharing their Irish heritage with her. She's been teaching now for twenty years. She enjoys working with children, watching them grow up, and becoming close to them. She also en-

joys passing on that precious bit of her heritage that she learned from her parents. The other teacher, Kathie Horan, is a former student. Another former student is Michael Flatley from Lord of the Dance and Riverdance.

Kathy explained that holidays mean something different to her students than it means to the rest of us. The Fourth of July means its time for the Nationals. This year the competition was held in Chicago at the Marriott at Ohio and Michigan. Children eight years and older from all over the United States competed against children from Ireland, England, Scotland and Canada. About 1,700 dancers participated this year.

Thanksgiving means the Midwest Qualifier. This year it will be held in Pittsburgh. Dancers age eight and above

can participate, although, those ages nine and older will use this competition to qualify for the World Competition.

The World Competition takes place in Ireland in April, usually over Easter. In 2000 it will take place in Belfast, Northern Ireland for the first time ever. Participants are both excited and nervous at the prospect.

Besides competitions, Dennehy Dancers have appeared as pregame entertainment at Bulls games, and have welcomed delegates to the Democratic National Convention. They have performed at weddings, country clubs, and nearly every type of function. New classes begin in August. Anyone interested in information concerning lessons, or would like to hire the Dennehy Dancers should call 1-773-233-9263.



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O.L. Board rejects apt. expansion bid

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees unanimously rejected a request by an apartment owner for a variance that would allow additional "habitable" space in her building at 10310-14 South Mansfield.

Zofia Gil, petitioner, had previously requested the variance in anticipation of a condo conversion and was denied permission by the Board of Appeals. Citing the BOCA National Building code, members of the Appeals Board noted a dropped ceiling transversing the middle of the basement room measured 6'8" and failed to meet the 7' minimum provided for in the code.

During the initial hearing, Appeals Board member LaFrancis noted he believed a 32% allowance was provided for in the BOCA code. LaFrancis calculated the area in question to be 34%.

Petitioner Gil noted the space is currently used for storage, and a variance allowing legal "habitation" would enable her to charge additional rent for that particular apartment in her 8 unit building.

Trustee Marjorie Joy noted she inspected the property and stated "I have great difficulty going against the BOCA code." Affirming the unanimous denial by the Appeals board, Joy moved for rejection and was immediately seconded by Trustee Keane.

Trustee Hurekes encouraged support of *Kids Expo '99* scheduled for Saturday, September 25th 10a.m. to 3p.m. at Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The program will focus on children's culture and health, offering workshops with storytelling, entertainment, health screening, medical exhibits, puppet making, ceramic workshop and many other activities focusing on well being.

The first 500 children will receive a free T-shirt, and admission is free. To register, call 1-800-323-8622. The Expo is sponsored by the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation and Hope Children's Hospital located on the campus of Christ Hospital.

Hurekes also noted \$700,000. has been earmarked for flood remediation in the Oakdale subdivision.

Hurekes thanked his employer, Congressman Lipinski, for assistance in obtaining the funding.

Trustee Ron Stanek expressed dismay at what he believed to be an increasing number of incidents involving "attacks" on Oak lawn police officers. Noting that officers were "taken down" and had their lives "threatened," Stanek asked Oak Lawn police Chief Jim Houk what steps were being taken to discourage such incidents.

Houk urged charging suspected offenders with felonies in cases of resisting arrest.

Trustee Joy suggested the Village investigate the possible implementation of a 311 police notification system similar to the one currently used for non-emergency situations in Chicago.

Trustee Streit asked that Village solicitor licenses be denied for any person convicted of a felony in the last five years. Streit asked that a background check be included as part of the current licensing procedure.

The Board approved a request by Gail Paul, Director of Administrative Services, to waive the formal bidding procedure prescribed by law and award a contract in the amount of \$265,223. to Information Development Consultants for the purchase of new financial accounting computer software. An additional contract with American Computer Solutions for \$21,290 and \$300 for hardware and annual maintenance was also approved.

The Village Hall will be open Saturday, August 14th and Sunday, August 15th from 9a.m. to noon for the purchase of vehicle stickers. Stickers purchased after August 15 will incur a \$10. penalty

Four Scholarship awarded by Johnson Phelps VFW

Recently four recipients of the Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 scholarship fund received scholarships to various universities.

Commander Bob Bridgeman introduced speaker Mayor Ernie Kolb who presented the awards to Nicole Marie Cullen of Alsip; Kristi L. Walsh, Oak Lawn; Scott Motisi, Evergreen Park; Jeorgine M. Groah, Oak Lawn.

Two recipients of scholarships were selected by the two schools in Oak Lawn, Richard's and Oak Lawn H.S. Miss Groah was sponsored by Harold L. Richard H.S. Her goals and objectives in her words are: "As I embark upon my studies at the university level, I am determine to set and attain personal and academic goals. My major goal as a freshman is to be on the Dean's List my first two semesters of college. I would also like to aim at getting straight A's in my courses. While maintaining my studies, I would like to become a member of the yearbook staff and develop my skills as a member of the Wesleyan Softball Team. I plan to attain these goals by

working hard and giving 100 percent. I will balance my activities and academics so that I can prepare myself to excel in both areas."

Kristi Walsh, sponsored by Oak Lawn Community High School is an enrollment at the Illinois State University in Normal. Her area of study will be elementary education/administration.

Her goals and objectives in her words are: "My future plans start at Illinois State University where I will major in elementary education. While at ISU I hope to be involved in many activities. Some activities I hope to be involved in are the National Honor Society, student government, tutoring, and a program that gives me the opportunity to help children. After I graduate I hope to begin teaching in a grammar school near my hometown, Oak Lawn. When I feel I have my teaching career underway I would like to return to school to receive my master's degree in educational administration. Eventually, I hope to become superintendent of a grammar school. I realize I have set high goals for myself, but

with hard work, dedications, and my strong desire to help children succeed I know I will accomplish all that I can.

The other two recipient, Miss Nicole Marie Cullen, Alsip; and Mr. Scott Motisi, Evergreen Park were sponsored by VFW members also had goals, but we chose the two Oak Lawn schools who had sponsored two recipient.



Kaylen Schultz

Teller Supervisor promoted to Operations Officer

Marquette National Bank recently promoted Kaylen Schultz to the position of Operations Officer. She has been with Marquette for twelve years. Her responsibilities include overseeing customers' wire transfers, coordinating transaction reports to the IRS, plus managing the Brinks area and Cash Station balancing.

During Schultz's twelve years at Marquette, she has also served the bank as head teller. She is a graduate of Queen of Peace High School and holds a communication degree from the University of Illinois.

Kaylen resides in Oak Lawn with her husband where she enjoys surfing the Internet and finding new ways to create computer spreadsheets.



Miss Kristi L. Walsh, Oak Lawn High School graduate and Commander Bob Bridgeman

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The welcoming address was given by Robert L. Wharton, president and CEO of CEDA.

For many years, Mr. Moore has been one of the most outstanding board members in the history of the organization.

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Sons of Italy elects first woman president

Giovanna Verdecchia of Chicago Heights, Illinois was recently elected State President of the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), State of Illinois at the 38th Biennial Grand Convention of the Order held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. State officers and delegates from lodges within the State of Illinois met in a two-day session to vote on matters pertaining to bylaws, adopt resolutions and elect state officers who will serve for the next two years. Outgoing State President, James T. Di Pietra of Kankakee, presided over the proceedings of the convention and praised Verdecchia for her dedication and hard work for OSIA, pledging his help and support to her administration. The convention was also a commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Charter of OSIA in the State of Illinois, with a display of photos and memorabilia of its past accomplishments.

Visiting for the weekend was National First Vice President of OSIA, Philip R. Boncore of Massachusetts, who led the delegation in an open forum on membership. Boncore is expected to be elected the next National President of OSIA at the National Convention in August in Long Beach, California.

Verdecchia, born in S. Benedetto del Tronto in the Marche region married Louis Verdecchia and came to the United States in 1971, settling in Chicago Heights. She works with her husband at Roma Tailors in Chicago Heights, a business they share with their three children: Louis Dominick, Francesca and Brendan.

She joined the Order Sons of Italy in August 1984 and after serving in various capacities in the Chicago Heights Lodge, she was elected state trustee in 1995. She served as Chairperson of the Alzheimer's Fundraising Committee and General

Chair on the 1997 State Convention. At that convention, she was elevated to the office of State Recording Secretary. During her two year term she was reappointed Chair of the Alzheimer's Fundraising Committee, acted as liaison for the National Sons of Italy Plenary Session held in Chicago, served as Illinois site Chair for the National Convention and served on the Executive Committee and Investment Committee of the state. In January 1998, she was elected by unanimous vote to serve as the first president of the newly incorporated Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation. Under her leadership, the foundation sponsored spaghetti dinners for charity, awarded scholarships and set goals for other philanthropic activities. After her election, Verdecchia addressed the delegates assembled at the convention and thanked them for "electing me to lead you into the next biennium and into the

millennium." Her election marks the first time in the 75 year history of the Order Sons of Italy in Illinois, that a woman has been elected to the position of state president.

Other state officers elected at the convention were: Frank Volpentesta, Evergreen Park as state vice president; Anthony J. Farinella of Chicago as state orator; Marie Marsalli of Kankakee as state recording secretary; John Iannucci of Chicago Heights as state financial secretary and Donald V. Kress of Orland Park as state treasurer. State trustees are: Dolores Mondo of Elmwood Park; Attilio Donahue of Evergreen Park; Bill Palmateer of Kankakee; Mario Ciccotelli of Chicago Heights; Andrew J. Detolve of Melrose Park; James Famartino of Schaumburg; John Nowobielski of Orland Park; Philip Bianco of Orland Park and John Rizzo of Gurnee.

Sheriff's child safety program

By: F.J. Soczek

Preschoolers attending Camp Sunshine conducted by the Oak Lawn Park District received a fun-filled jump start in traffic safety following an interactive demonstration sponsored by the Cook County Sheriff's Department.

As part of a one hour program to provide safety knowledge and skills to children ages 4-7, the air conditioned traveling van arrived at Lakeshore Park, where the Cook County Sheriff staff recreated a miniature "village," complete with battery operated traffic signals, railroad crossings and crosswalk markings.

With the gentle encouragement of an instructor, each of the diminutive "student drivers," firmly "buckled in" with safety belts, maneuvered their little pedal cars through streets with names like *Sheriff Michael Sheahan Way*, ever mindful of the simulated traffic signals and road signs. Each "graduate" was awarded a tiny golden "Junior Deputy Sheriff" badge upon completion of the course.

In addition to the traffic safety demonstration, the children were taught bicycle safety, fire safety and personal safety, covering such topics as proper places to ride bicycles, fire and 911 procedures, handling situations while home alone and how to deal with strangers. The concepts taught are reinforced with the visual displays inside the van, along with a movie, handouts and coloring books.

In its third year, the program is primarily conducted throughout Cook County during the summer months when children are most active and stresses teaching children at a very young age.

Although focusing on the instruction of younger children, the often graphic displays within the van will certainly impact older kids (particularly teenagers,) as well as adults.

While a wall of photos serves as a grim reminder of currently missing children and their parents, the anti-tobacco exhibits are particularly sobering. Cut-away models display cancer ridden organs and "Mr. Gross-mouth," a

strikingly realistic model, vividly depicts the inherent side effects of smoking and chewing tobacco.

aged 3-5 years held 3 days per week at Lakeshore park under the auspices of the Oak Lawn Park District.



Although perhaps somewhat beyond the full comprehension of the preschoolers, the display of contraband weapons confiscated at Cook County Jail will certainly cause teens (and again, adults) to reflect on an often unseen darker side of reality.

The printed handouts provided as part of the program are an invaluable tool for parents, covering such contemporary topics as gang recognition, drug awareness, child sexual abuse, as well as computer online safety.

Camp Sunshine is a 4 week program for children

Among the special events offered are arts and crafts, games, nature walks, as well as the special demonstrations conducted as part of the weekly themes.



Only one baseball player has had his number retired by three different teams. Nolan Ryan's number was retired by the Angels (#30), the Astros and the Rangers (#34).



Seniors Ask

By Margo E. Schreiber,
Director, Illinois Department on Aging

Question: I am in my 60's and am now caring for my older mother, who lives with me. Her arthritis makes it difficult for her to get around, she is incontinent and sometimes confused. Though I am able and want to continue caring for her, I must admit that this responsibility is sometimes very stressful. I also feel guilty when I am not as compassionate toward her as I want to be. Finally, I probably don't take care of myself as well as I should. Do you have any ideas for a family caregiver who needs a helping hand?

Answer: First and foremost, please remember that you're not alone. Almost 80 percent of the care provided to older people today is provided by family caregivers. That help may range from assisting with basic household tasks on a periodic basis to providing constant assistance with activities of daily living. It sounds like you are one of the caregivers who has "full-time" re-

sponsibility for caring for your loved one. This kind of role can no doubt result in physical, emotional and financial strains. The good news is that there are a number of resources that can help you cope with the everyday demands of caregiving. Here are a few tips:

- Find out about the support groups in your area. Depending on where you live, they are available through hospitals, churches and social services agencies. You will be amazed at how helpful a support group can be for family members who are trying to cope with caregiving responsibilities.

- Find out about in-home services that might be helpful. Examples of such programs include home delivered meals, homemaker service and home health care. You may be eligible for government funded programs; otherwise, such services are available on a private pay basis. Again, there are a variety of community sources that provide these services.

- Find out what other kinds of "respite care" might be available in your area. Respite care is simply care that gives family members a break from the daily demands of caregiving. Respite care could include the services listed above, but it also could include programs such as adult day service. These programs are often connected with a hospital, social service agency or nursing home. Adult day facilities provide a safe, protected environment for older people for several hours a day. They offer meal and social service activities, and some provide transportation to and from an older person's home.

- Ask friends, neighbors and family members for help. Maybe you are not to the point where you need help from community agencies - maybe you just need help from the people who are closest to you. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Sometimes family, friends and neighbors want to assist with

grocery shopping, transportation, or simple companionship.

- Realize your own limitations. You can't do everything, and at some point you may need to be willing to consider options such as assisted living, nursing homes or residency alternatives. Look at all the options for care, and decide what's best for your mother - and for you and your family.

- Call the Illinois Department on Aging if you are not sure how to locate the resources in your community. Our Senior Helpline number is 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY). We'll be more than happy to tell you how to get started.

Further information about services, as well as information on initiatives proposed in Governor Ryan's policy agenda for seniors, can be obtained by writing to: "Seniors Ask", c/o Margo Schreiber, Illinois Department on Aging, 421 E. Capitol, #100, Springfield, IL 62701-1789.



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For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: This month can be all about money, where to spend it, on whom, where! S and T involved in this month's activities too. Reach out to people who can help your career or work better with you on the job. Seek comfort in the home, and have some fun too.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You cannot be expected to read minds, no one really can. So, tell those people around you to speak up or lighten up! You are responsive to people who are loving, caring and those who share. Let this be known. C and T involved and a Leo born too.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Don't be carried away with someone's apparent wealth. They may not be as happy as you are. Talk things out this month, don't fight it out with words you will regret quite soon. A Cancer born to deal with, and someone L or C. Trust instincts!

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: It is time for self-evaluation. If you don't like the way your life is going, make a turn in another direction. "Build the Ball Park and they will come!" One new step is the start up of an entire new life and a better attitude about life too. J helps.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You could be looking at a much better future, and all you had to do was "want" changes. Now, follow through on what you know needs to be said and done. Yes, you can! Legal things begin to settle out in your favour. M, and R involved.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: There is someone who wants to be your friend, but does not know how to ask. Be ready to make a "first approach" because this could turn to love. B involved and you had better start ridding yourself of things you don't need.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: A new friend could become a new love, an old friend wants also to be your love. Love all around you makes for an interesting month ahead, and for months to come. Look to someone born in the sign of Scorpio to make things right for you. K aids.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You are Not Wrong! You have come to know what needs doing and saying, and seem willing to do what others are too fearful of having to do. Good for you! Such things take courage. Money now comes your way, better health, new contacts to make you richer, and a winning too. R and D help.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: If it is strength you need, you get it, if it's money you need, you'll get it, but when it comes to love, you seem to need someone else to help you approach it. You are not a "John Alden." Speak up for yourself Pisces. Go out and make success your friend. B and H involved and a Cancer or Leo born.

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Forum at Moraine

Girls, freshman or sophomores, will join in group discussion on topics they feel will affect their future on Saturday, August 7th, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moraine's College Center Building, 10900 S. 88th Ave. This will occur while workshops for parents, and guardians on issues of interest such as positive parenting, planning for girls future in the 21st Century, and sexual harassment will be presented. Afterwards the girls will share their conclusions with all. This experience and the feeling of working together, both parents and girls will culminate in a special sharing celebration or event.

Communicating with your children

Ken Davis, one of the nation's top communicators, is coming to Oak Lawn. Mr. Davis has appeared on stage and television in many countries and is a best selling author whose books have received critical acclaim. Mr. Davis will be the opening Institute speaker for all of the School District 123 and School District 122 staff members. On Tuesday, August 24, at 7 p.m. Mr. Davis will speak to all interested adults in the community regarding how to better communicate with your children. This presentation will take place in the air-conditioned, all-purpose room at McGugan Jr. High, 5220 W.

Helping children to mature

By Fr. George Dyer

Writing about maturity, Rabbi Wayne Dosick quotes the Talmud. This ancient Hebrew text mentions five duties of parents toward children. They must introduce them into a spiritual covenant with God, give them an education, a craft, provide them with a spouse and teach them to swim.

Dosick puts these injunctions into contemporary idiom. Parents, he says, must

give children their most cherished values, teach them that they work not to acquire but to become and show them that in loving we find love. Finally, having given them the capacity to grow, parents must "let go" of their children.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sees family life as "an initiation into society." It is here that children learn moral values,

learn to honor God and begin to make good use of their freedom. (n.2207) It is worth noting that this section of the Catechism titled "Life in Christ." The title suggests the way the church views the moral maturation of the human person.

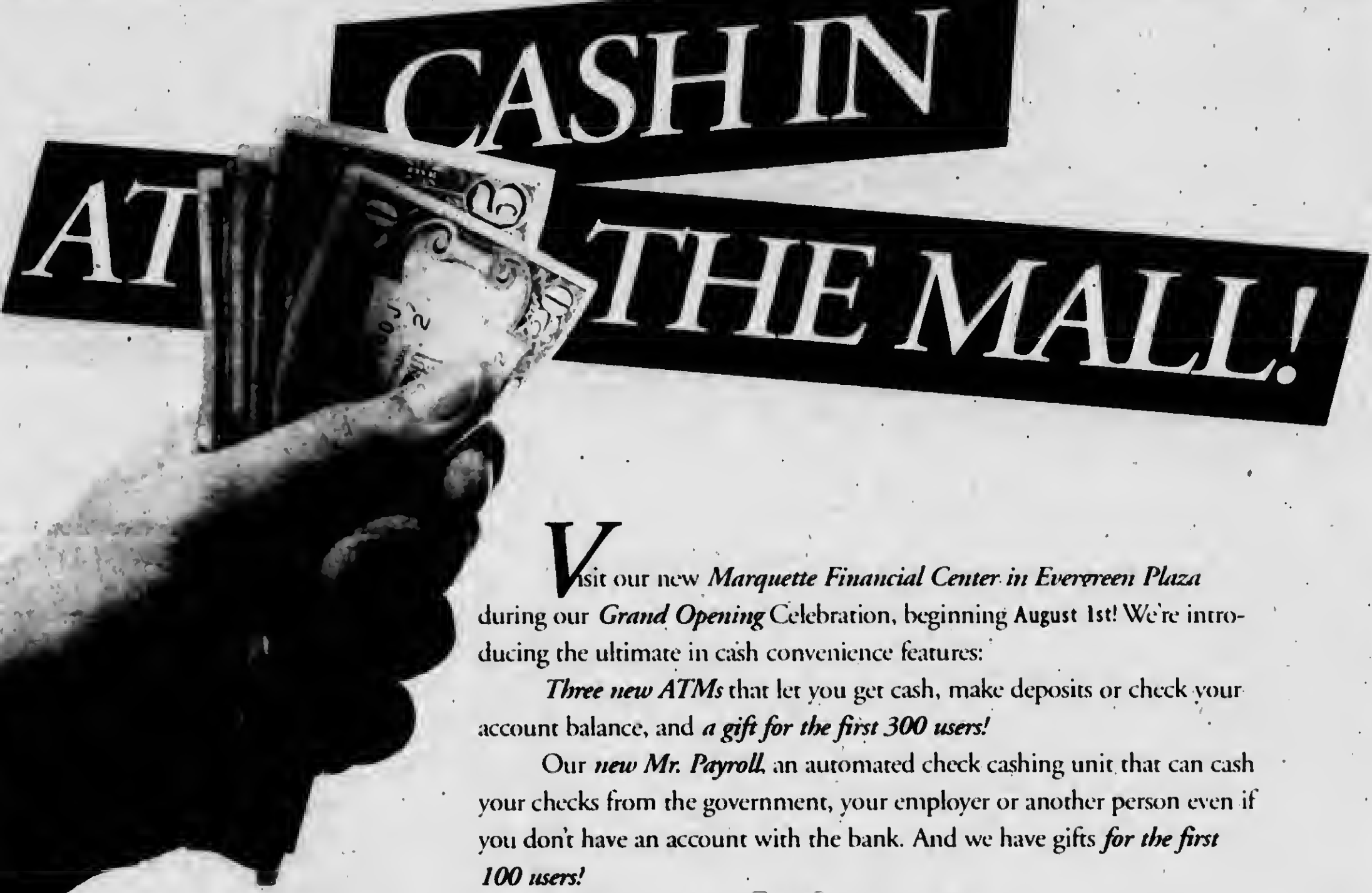
Christians mature when they respond to Christ's invitation; "Come, follow me." The words of Christ suggest a journey with him;

and "journey" is an apt metaphor for our maturing as human beings and as Christians.

The word "maturity" means "Full growth or complete development." Christians see this as a life-long process of bringing to fullness the image of God within us. This is not a journey we make alone but with Christ, who taught us the secret of development - the love and service of others.

The family is the place where children learn this fundamental lesson of human and Christian growth. The tenderness, the care, the

love that family members who one another provide children with the moral and emotional equipment they need for their journey through life. One more thing is needed; and that is faith, the family's greatest gift to children. Faith teaches children that God's love goes with them on their journey, from its beginning to its very end. Confident, even joyful in that love, they can return it through their love and service of others. Following Christ's example they learn what it is to be fully human, fully Christian, the mature sons and daughters of God.



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Volunteer Nancy Kuglin (left) signs for two students at the Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp while Moraine Valley baseball player Jason Uldrych teaches them the correct stance for batting.

Moraine Valley co-hosts Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp

They can't hear the crack of the ball hitting the bat or the cheers of their parents and coaches, but these kids can play!

Moraine Valley Community College co-hosted the third annual Chicago area Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp for hearing-impaired children June 21 through 25. Approximately 20 boys and girls ages 8 to 14 participated in the camp.

This was the first year that Moraine Valley co-hosted the camp, which took place on the college's baseball field. Players and coaches from the college's baseball and softball teams worked as camp counselors, teaching the children skills such as hitting, throwing, and catching, as well as the rules of the game.

"Many of these kids are great athletes," said Tom Seidel, assistant coach of the college's women's softball team. "They're eager and aggressive, and they really stay alert and focused to compensate for their dis-

abilities."

Sertoma volunteers were also on hand to supervise the camp and sign for the children, though some of the students were able to read lips. Some unique coaching approaches were also used during the camp, including using a slip-and-slide to teach the campers how to slide into a base properly.

"The needs of our campers are unique because of the range of disabilities and ages of the children," said Kathy Rogge, district governor for the 15 Chicago area Sertoma clubs. Sertoma International, a Kansas City-based civic service organization, sponsors fantasy baseball camps across the country each year. The volunteer organization's primary goal is helping people with speech and hearing disorders.

The Moraine Valley baseball and softball players who volunteered throughout the week included Heather Alfnejd, Dan Callaghan, Tom Jones, Lynette Nirenski, Sarah Roth, Adam

Swiatkowski, and Jason Uldrych. In addition to Seidel, former baseball player and assistant coach Richard Santiago also assisted with the camp.

"It was great to see so many of the Moraine Valley players and coaches out there help with the camp. They've made wonderful role models for these children," said Nancy Kuglin, a volunteer signer from Frankfort.

"These kids really made an impression on me," said Jones. I learned a lot about patience and dedication from them."

Several Moraine Valley employees also assisted with the camp, including members of the college's Athletics Department; Bob Freudenthal, professor of Psychology and the college's men's golf coach; Anne Jachim, assistant professor of Restaurant Management; and Alexandra Kijak Wolfe, associate dean/assistant to the vice president of Academic Affairs.



An original production

By Kevin Traynor

What is this? A new theatre company doing an original show in the south suburbs? I can't believe it either but that's just what The Upstage Players are doing with their first production, "At Least It's Not Raining", premiering at Moraine Valley.

The Upstage Theater started when playwright and director Pamela Piarowski showed a version of the script to local actors Dave McKay and John Madison, who then encouraged her to try to mount a production.

The piece gives some insight into the mind of teenagers. It's a modern drama with a flair for comedy and enjoyable to anyone who's ever been to high school.

The play also features performances by Mindy Pickel, K.T. O'Loughlin, Keith Buikema, Fred Albert, Jill Tafel and Mark Dillon.

The play will have two performances on August 14th, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., in the Dorothy Menker Theatre on the Moraine Valley Campus.

Governor signs Lyons "double whammy" legislation

State Rep. Eileen Lyons joined with Governor Ryan to eliminate the ongoing problem with the state aid formula that creates a "double whammy" for school districts. The "double whammy," a confusing double taxation problem, will cost districts around the state more than \$50 million dollars this year, but Lyons legislation will eliminate the confusion and wasted tax dollars.

"It is important that all school districts receive their fair share of funding," said State Rep. Eileen Lyons. "I am working hard to protect the education of our children. We must ensure that every school has access to the appropriate amount of state aid and tax dollars."

There is a complicated formula used to calculate each school districts general state aid, and some districts have suffered a "double whammy" causing the amount of aid to decline. The new legislation changes the way aid is calculated, taking the "double whammy" into affect, and ensuring that each district will have the appropriate amount of funding for each student.

"This legislation will ensure that every school district in Illinois receives its fair share of state funding," Governor Ryan said. "Children are our most precious resource, and we should ensure that they have the resources needed to succeed."

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Traveling the roads in Indiana

By Annette Dixon

Traveling the roads and highways in southern Indiana are well maintained therefore, it affords the opportunity to visit mainly, Columbus and Madison, Indiana.

Our recent visit to Columbus, Indiana on Highway 65 in Bartholomew County was interesting because the city offers outstanding contemporary architecture. In fact, according to the American Institute of Architects, Columbus, Indiana ranks sixth in the country for new construction after Chicago, Washington, New York, Boston, and San Francisco. Some of the prize winning architects who have designed Columbus city buildings are Richard Meier, I.M. Pei, Kevin Roche and Robert Venturi. Bus tours are offered each day for a two hour tour to more than 58 building sites. The tour also includes sculpturer, Henry Moore, and architects, Charles F. Sparrell, Eero Saarinen, Rudolph de Harang, Harry Weese, Norman Fletcher, Gunnar Birkerts.

Contact the Columbus Visitors Center at 5th and Franklin in Columbus, Indiana at 812-378-2622 for more information.

The Columbus Inn, member of The National Bed and Breakfast Association, is a Clarence Sparrell Romanesque style dream. This architectural treat was once City Hall. It is in the heart of the city across from the visitors center. Refurbished in 1895, it is now in the National Register of Historic Places. It is a showplace of 10 foot ceiling rooms and



Columbus Inn

offers five suites, one suite has eight foot double doors which is located inside the elegant lobby.

The lobby depicting antique Victorian has two Eastlake Victorian love seats, Victorian Gothic chairs and marble top tables. The chandeliers are replicas of the original gas lights.

One guest informed me that he hadn't been back to Columbus in 40 years, for Columbus was his boyhood home. He chose the elegance of a historical building rather

than a modern hotel. The hotel offers a delightful breakfast buffet in the Tea Room as part of their Bed and Breakfast concept.

For more information and reservations at Columbus Inn call 1-812-378-4289.

Another place which is Indiana's secret treasure is only one hour from Columbus. A little town which holds much history along with recent renovation located by the Ohio River. The town called Madison is only 55 miles from Lexington,

Kentucky or 75 miles from Cincinnati. This town holds so much mystique that a movie will be out at local theaters next year titled, "Madison."

It all started in 1809 when settlers purchased 65 acres of land from the Indiana Territorial Government for the amount of \$2.50 per acre and Christened the term "Madison" after the reigning President of the United States.

The town became an industrial town with an explosion of population. Irish immigrant railroad workers used the stones from the Madison Railroad Incline to construct St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in 1839. It was also during that year James F. D. Lanier, chose an up and coming architect by the name of Francis Costigan to design his mansion.

James Lanier became active in railroad development but dealt almost exclusively in railroad securities. He formed a partnership - Winslow, Lanier & Co. in New York City with Richard H. Winslow, a Wall Street businessman. The business prospered and James Lanier became a successful financier for the State of Indiana during the Civil War. This could have been the reason the state supported the Union, because Confederate Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan and 2,000 cavalrymen crossed the Ohio River from Kentucky into Indiana. That was the Great Raid of Morgan Raiders of 1863, which lasted six days. The rest is history.

Looking for a bit of history Madison has more renovation of Federal homes than

any city within the Midwest. In order to understand why someone would make a movie about Madison, visit it. It's one hour from Columbus, south on Hwy. 7.

Summer Tour '99 in Madison brought a pleasant visit to Jim and Paullett Rice's home of 508 Jefferson Street in Madison. While interviewing Paullett, the discovery of her business/hobby also improves the city and yet makes money for her. Paullett

stated she had renovated homes and designed gardens in approximately thirteen sites.

Art Finds in Madison

The Chautauqua Festival of Art will premier outdoor juried fine arts and craft show in Madison. The admission is free. So just call the Madison Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 1-800-559-2956 for additional information or brochures.



Paullett in her garden showing one of her prize possessions.



On the left side is Paullett Rice's current residence, while on the right, one of the homes they had sold.

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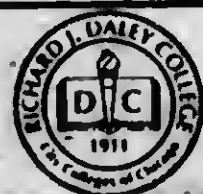
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Free school physicals are conducted at the township's three clinics. No appointments are necessary.

By having the school physical now, parents will avoid the September rush that often results in long waits and inconvenience for all concerned, suggest McBride.

Exams are given at the South Clinic, 5635 State

Road, Burbank, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of the second, third and fourth Wednesday afternoons each month. At the North Clinic, 6721 W. 40th St., Stickney, exams are given Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on Wednesdays. At the Central Clinic, 4949 S. Long Ave., Central Stickney, exams are given 8:30 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday.

For further information on lead levels and TB testing which is required before school physicals are completed call (708) 424-9200,

ext. 37.

No school physicals will be completed with a record of the child's previous immunizations.

Honing your driving skills

The Worth Township Senior Citizens Organization will be sponsoring a **\$5 Alive Course** run by AARP on Wednesday, August 25 and Thursday August 26 from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. at Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip. Participants must attend both days and register beforehand. There is an \$8.00 fee payable to AARP. To register call, 708/371-2900, extension 28.

District 124 school opening

Children attending Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 will begin the 1999-2000 school year on Tuesday, August 24, 1999. Classes resume on August 24th for all children, Kindergarten through 8th grade, at 8:40 a.m. With students dismissed for the day at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, will be a half-day of pupil attendance with classes dismissed at 12 noon. A regular schedule of classes begins on Thursday, August 26. School hours for all children in Grades 1 - 8 are from 8:40 a.m. until 3 p.m. The individual building principals will notify parents of

kindergarten children of their school hours.

If the parents of returning students have not received a fee packet information in the mail, please call the Business Office at 423.0950 after 8 a.m.

The District office is now open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday.

August 17th has been set as Schedule Pick-Up Day in each of the schools between the hours of 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. At this time new student registrations will be taken.

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Even though I was a stay-at-home mom who was lucky enough to be with my daughters both day and night, a favorite memory of mine was the quality time we shared right before bedtime. I would be situated in the center of my bed while the girls would each claim their own side, Jaime to the left of me, Katie to the right. There we would sit and I would read them bedtime stories as they took turns flipping the pages. This became a ritual for us.

After bath time was through and all the toys were put away they would retreat to my bed where story time would begin. I looked forward to the quiet time this nightly activity offered to us. It didn't matter how many times I may have read a story, they would listen with close concentration as if hearing it for the first time.

They each had their favorites and they knew them by heart. There was no such thing as trying to skip over pages. They were little, but they were sharp when it came to storytime.

Whether it be summer nights when a soft breeze blew in to cool us off, or the snow covered nights of winter where we'd bury ourselves in quilted comfort, I treasured this special time in our lives.

For them it was an adventure, the stories never failing to leave behind something for them to ponder. "The House That Had Enough" told them the consequences of not keeping their belongings neat and orderly. "The Little Raccoon" was a story of independence, as this little guy overcame his fears to fend for himself. Every picture told a story and for every effort taken, a lesson learned.

My days of reading bedtime stories have long since been put to rest but I don't have to go too far back in my memory bank to draw on the feelings this tradition instilled in me.

Sometimes as I sit here in my room writing, or just looking out the window, the soothing breeze of a summer night brings to mind a special yesterday when two young girls shared some quality time with a very grateful mom.

Health information from Little Company

Prostate screening and early detection is the best defense against prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men. This two part screening consists of a blood test and a physician exam. It is recommended for all men who have not seen a urologist in the past year, men who are over the age of 50, men who have a family history of prostate cancer, or men who are African-American and over the age of 40. An appointment is required, and must be made between August 9 and September 3. Space is limited. Call 708/636-5264. Fee \$25.

Ear Infection in Children - August 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fee \$5.00 - One of the many problems children experience are ear infections. Mary Rosales, M.D., Little Company of Mary pediatrician will discuss ways to help prevent and treat this problem. Call 708/423-5774 to register. This program is held at Little Company of Mary Hospital's Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.



Oak Lawn submariner enjoys duty on 'mean looking machine'

By Jason Emerson

"You have seen a 688 class submarine. It is a mean looking machine. They are very paranoid about that big black submarine."

—Adm. Kinnaird McKee, to Congress, May 1984, as quoted by Jacob Zimmerman



James Bokholdt

Oak Lawn's James Bokholdt would describe the 688 class submarine he works aboard with similar sentiment. Sometime in the future, Bokholdt will deploy overseas on the fast attack submarine Los Angeles (SSN 688) to give America's foes a reason to pursue peace.

Navy fireman Bokholdt, the 22-year-old son of James Bokholdt and Janet Bokholdt, both of Oak

Lawn, is a crew member on the USS Los Angeles.

The \$900 million Los Angeles (1990 prices), which is based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, allows the Navy to conduct surveillance, protect ships, and deliver Tomahawk missiles during war — all from the secrecy of an ocean's depths.

Operating the 6,900-ton Los Angeles requires the efforts of 130 submariners, including 13 officers. Bokholdt's job aboard the sub is that of mechanic, and in his normal duties he operates and repairs various mechanical systems.

The Los Angeles, which was commissioned in 1976, was the first of its design. More than 80 like it followed within two decades. Today the Navy maintains about 60 fast attack submarines, which are known interchangeably as 688 class or

Los Angeles class vessels.

Bokholdt understands the need for Los Angeles class submarines and their top-secret missions.

"Deploying submarines throughout the world is a strategic measure. Most people don't know much about the activity of these vessels, but they are the backbone of the Navy," said Bokholdt, a 1995 graduate of Reavis High School.

All Los Angeles class submarines are powered by a nuclear reactor and steam engines. This power source allows the sub to remain submerged for weeks at a time when necessary.

As for the crew, they work in regular shifts and relax during off-time by working out, studying, reading and watching movies. The ship carries a 90-day supply of food in case of extended submerged time, uses atmo-

sphere control equipment to replace oxygen used by the crew, and relies on two distilling plants to convert salt water to fresh.

Although the Navy provides as many comforts as it can for 130 people living and working on a 360-foot submarine, life on a routine, six-month-long deployment can be taxing. Bokholdt, a two-year Navy veteran, has developed a strategy for coping with the rigors of submarine duty.

"I keep my mind set on commitment, excellence, and supporting the boat's mission," he said.

Submariners are today deployed on Los Angeles class subs around the globe. It soon will be Bokholdt turn's to take watch, and when he does it will be aboard one of the best-equipped submarines in the world.

MILITARY ROLL CALL

Air Force Airman Anthony F. Sansone III, grandson of Mary Sansone of Burbank, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is a 1998 graduate of a home school in Plainfield, IL.

Marine Pvt. Brian M. Cousert, son of Cindy Saucedo of Evergreen Park, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1998 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

Timothy D. Falletti, son of Dan and Julie Falletti of Burbank, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn.

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Dave Banik, Sean Collins, Bill Funk, and Dan Ritchie

Four Brother Rice seniors named Evans Scholars

Brother Rice High Schools seniors Dave Banik of Oak Lawn, Sean Collins of Beverly, Bill Funk of Beverly and Dan Ritchie of Mt. Greenwood have been awarded Chick Evans Scholarships. The scholarships are based on high school grades, financial need, moral character, and record as a golf caddie. The award covers tuition and housing for one year, and may be renewed for a total of four years by meeting the standards of the Evans Scholarship Program. Banik will attend Marquette University, Collins and Funk will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, and Ritchie will attend Purdue University.

Banik caddied at Beverly Country Club and Collins, Funk and Ritchie caddied at Ridge Country Club. They are four of approximately 200 winners of Evans Scholarships this year, and will become part of 850 Evans Scholars on campuses next fall. There are more than 7,000 who have graduated from college as Evans Scholars since the award was first made in 1930. The scholarships are supported by the financial contributions of the 100,000 golfers who contributed to the Evans Scholar foundation.

Governor inks Radogno legislation into law

Governor Ryan signed four bills sponsored by State Sen. Christine Radogno. House Bill 1177, 423, and 1098; along with Senate Bill 753 will take effect January 1, 2000.

House Bill 1177 requires home repair contractors to inform consumers of their rights on major repair projects. Hundreds of thousands of dollars is spent each year to rectify problems developed by contractors who work around laws. This law is an effort to educate the consumer about their rights and remedies when bad repairs is sustained. This information should be included in a home repair contract.

Prospective patients can be more inquisitive of the hospital they choose with House Bill 423. The measure requires hospitals to make licensing information, complaint procedures, com-

plaints filed and inspection reports available to the public for review.

With House Bill 1098 the State Police will take control of establishing rules for obtaining DNA samples. Currently, the Attorney General's office is responsible for the procedure.

Crime victims and witnesses will receive immediate information about their attacker via computer, telephone, or written notice. Senate Bill 753 allows the Attorney General and other public officials and agencies to improve the current local notification system. Information can be downloaded from law enforcement agencies into computers operated by the Attorney General's office.

Teacher recertification agreement signed into law

To secure that Illinois children are best prepared for the 21st century, State Rep. Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange) joined with Governor Ryan to sign into law the teacher recertification agreement. The landmark legislation provides for continued professional development for Illinois teachers seeking recertification.

The new law reflects an agreement struck for updating the state's process for recertifying teachers. Specifically, the measure establishes professional development requirements that teachers must meet to renew their teaching certificates under Illinois' new three-tiered certificate system.

"Professional development is an excellent idea. We expect our doctors and lawyers to maintain standards and keep up on de-

velopments, it is important that our teachers do the same" said Frank Basil of Argo High School. "This legislation focuses everyone in the same direction and is a very good idea. It will work well with our school improvement plan." Standard teaching certificates will be renewable ev-

ery five years. To be recertified, teachers will develop a professional development plan that may include:

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Little Company celebrates 70 years

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will mark a milestone in the year 2000, as it celebrates 70 years as a healing presence in the southwest suburban community. As part of the celebration, the hospital will compile a book of stories, anecdotes, photographs, and testimonials from its various patients throughout the years. From submissions the hospital receives, Little Company hopes to compile a written history for posterity. For more information or to submit a story about your experience at Little Company, Please call the Little Company Foundation at 708/229-5067 by October 1, 1999, or send a fax at 708/229-6534.

Kush speaks at Aglow meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, August 12, at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall, 6254 W. 111th Street in Chicago Ridge.

The speaker for August is Damaris Kush, a single mom with two children, her husband Frank having passed on to glory two years ago. She is born again, having been Spirit-filled for seven years, and is the Director of Mime for His Word to all Nations Family Church. Her daughters minister with her in Mime, Song and Drama bringing a great anointing to all who attend.

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Spanish Honor Society elects new officers

The Spanish Honor Society at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 W. 99th Street, has announced their new officers for the 1999-2000 school year. The following young women were named: President - Kate Mata, Vice-President - Amelia Gamboa, Secretary - Lisa Kakos, and Public Relations - Susanne Gonzalez.

McAuley's Spanish Honor Society Club strives to increase students' knowledge of the Spanish language and culture through service and practice. Membership is based upon foreign language skills, leadership ability and character. Mrs. Rose Riccordini is the moderator of the club.

School begins for district 124 students

Children attending Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 will begin the 1999-2000 school year on Tuesday, August 24, 1999. Classes resume on August 24th for all children, Kindergarten through 8th grade, at 8:40 a.m. with students dismissed for the day at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, will be a half-day of pupil attendance with classes dismissed at 12 noon. A regular schedule of classes begins on Thursday, August 26. School hours for all children in Grades 1 - 8 are from 8:40 a.m. until 3 p.m. The individual building Principals will notify parents of

Kindergarten children of their school hours.

If the parents of returning students have not received fee packet information in the mail, please call the Business Office at 423-0950 after 8 a.m.

The District Office is now open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday.

August 17th has been set as Schedule Pick-Up Day in each of the schools between the hours of 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. At this time new student registrations will be taken.

Volunteers receive scholarships

Ten Maria students received the Holy Cross Hospital Volunteer Scholarship for the 1999-2000 school year. The volunteer partnership began in 1993 and benefits both the school and the hospital. Holy Cross gets dedicated volunteers who in return get valuable hands-on experience in the medical field. Maria volunteers must have a good academic record and be committed to at least fifty hours a week at the hospital to qualify for the scholarships. Mark Clement, CEO of Holy Cross presented awards to: Marilu Andrade, Amanda Avila, Holly Dorsey, Laura Garza, Teresa Herrera, Glenda Lane, Julissa Mendoza, Vanessa Reyes, Margaret Tulley, and Jaime Wawrocki.

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Taxes and how they affect our community

The Village of Oak Lawn derives most of its income to provide services to its residents (police, fire, emergency and infrastructure construction and maintenance) from taxes. The three most identifiable are property taxes (commercial and residential), sales taxes from retail sales, and income taxes.

Sales Taxes

Oak Lawn has approximately 700,000 square feet of retail space primarily located in commercial, strip and corridor retail malls and centers. The strength of Oak Lawn's retail market is reflected in the amount of local retail sales tax collected.

The Illinois Department of Revenue reports that local sales tax returned to the Village of Oak Lawn in 1998 totaled nearly 9.3 million dollars. Based upon a one percent local sales tax this translates into 930 million dollars in retail sales in the village.

In the State of Illinois rankings of sales tax receipts by municipalities the Village of Oak Lawn ranks 18th in the state. This is an amazing figure for a village which has approximately 58,000 residents and does not have a major mall, gambling facility or large university within its boundaries.

Where does most of the sales tax come from?

The Illinois Department of Revenue figures released for 1998 give the following breakdown:

Automobiles & automobile related business	46.1%	Other retail	4.4%
Food	14.8%	Furniture/Appliances	2.2%
Drugs/Miscellaneous retail	12.1%	Apparel	1.7%
General merchandise	10.5%	Manufacturing	1.2%
Drinking and eating places	6.5%	Lumber/Hardware	.8%

Property Taxes

Cook County assesses property as a percentage of market value. Residential property is assessed at the lowest rate.

Property Type	Percentage of Market Value
Residential	16%
Apartment Buildings (6+ units)	33%
Commercial	38%
Industrial	36%
Vacant Lots	22%

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—Francis Hutcheson

Below is an example of the effect the assessed value has on a property tax bill for a residential property and a commercial property with the same market value.

	Residential	Commercial
Market Value	\$200,000	\$200,000
Assessment Rate	16%	38%
Assessed Value*	\$32,000.00	\$76,000.00
Tax Rate per \$100/ Assessed Value	\$9.50	\$9.50
Annual Tax Bill	\$3,040.00	\$7,220.00

*example does not take into account the state equalization factor.

Real estate taxes paid by Oak Lawn residents and businesses go to several taxing bodies. Below is the approximate percentage distributed to the governmental bodies.

Property Tax Distribution	Approx. Percentage of Bill
School Districts	60%
Village of Oak Lawn	13%
Cook County	10%
Oak Lawn Park District	6%
Oak Lawn Library	5%
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	5%
Other	1%

State Income Tax

The State of Illinois imposes an income tax on individuals and corporations. The rates are 3% for individuals and 4.8% for corporations. One-tenth of the income tax collected by the state is distributed to municipal governments based on population. The Village of Oak Lawn received 3.9 million during 1998. The village is anticipating receiving over 4.1 million in 1999.

IRS's property tax equalization factor

A tentative 1998 property tax equalization factor of 2.1799 for Cook County was announced by the Illinois Department of Revenue. The department is required by law to calculate the factor, often called the multiplier, to achieve uniform property assessment throughout the state. The 1998 equalization factor increased from the 1997 factor of 2.1489.

The department determines the equalization factor for each county by comparing over a three-year period the actual selling price of individual properties to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county assessor. If the median level of assessment for all property in the county varies from the 33 1/3 percent level required by law, an equalization factor is assigned to bring assessments to the legally mandated level.

The three-year average level of assessments (weighted by class) for Cook County property was 15.29 percent. The department calculated the multiplier to bring the average level of assessments to the required 33 1/3 percent level by dividing Cook County's three year average of 15.29 into 33.33.

After taking into account the 1998 reassessments, the levels of assessment are as follows:

Class	1995	1996	1997	2-Year Average
1 Vacant lots	12.80	11.40	10.55	11.58
2 Residential	10.39	10.04	9.80	10.08
3 Apartments	24.20	23.87	22.43	23.50
5a Commercial	32.54	29.97	28.71	30.41
5b Industrial	35.52	33.08	32.70	33.77
Countywide weighted average	15.95	15.31 (more)	14.70	15.29

The equalization factor does not cause individual tax bills to go up, said Director Glen Bower. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request the dollars needed to provide services to citizens. The assessment process simply determines how the bill will be divided among taxpayers.

Bower said that Cook County has an equalization factor greater than 1.0 because: (1) it classifies property and assesses property at different levels; (2) it reassesses only one-third of the property each year; and (3) the county assessor lacks the power to equalize assessments between property classes and assessment districts.

A Cook County ordinance requires that residential property (homes, condominiums, apartment buildings of six units or less) be assessed at 16 percent of market value; all other residential property (apartments with more than six units), 33 percent; vacant lots, 22 percent; property owned by not-for-profit corporations, 30 percent; commercial property, 38 percent; industrial property, 36 percent; and commercial or industrial property being developed in economically deprived areas, usually 16 percent.

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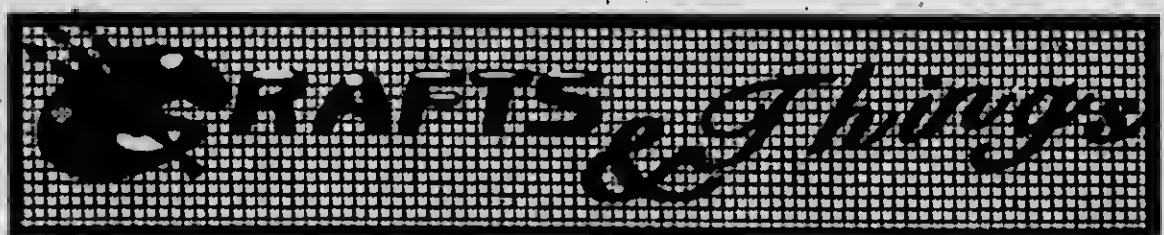
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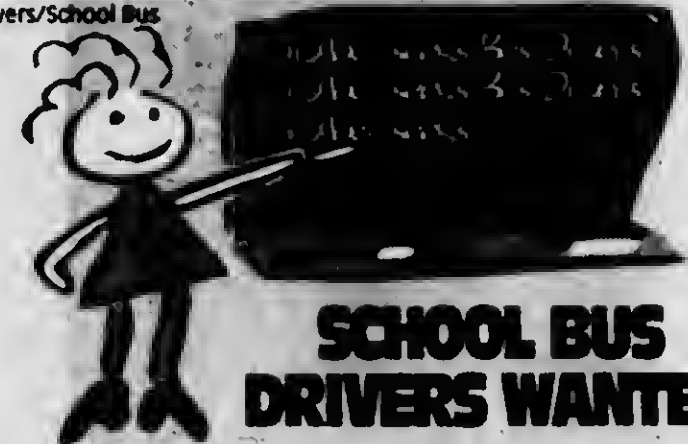
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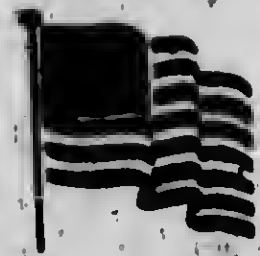
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

AT&T - AOL battle over cable access

By Michael Warren
Associated Press

NEW YORK - In several years, AT&T intends to make high-speed Internet access so easy and affordable that millions of Americans will be able to enjoy dinner with relatives thousands of miles away, through live TV hookups between their homes.

New technology that combines Internet, telephone and cable TV "will provide a foundation for a whole new generation of communications, information and entertainment services," AT&T chairman C. Michael Armstrong promised in a Senate committee last month.

With innovations such as these dazzling consumers, will they care if AT&T and a handful of other giant cable companies dominate the high-speed Internet business?

AT&T, which is spending \$100 billion this year to become the nation's biggest cable TV company, is betting that they won't - and federal antitrust watchdogs have so far kept hands off.

But America Online and

other Internet companies that now reach consumers through slow dial-up phone connections see danger in creating a new Ma Cable and her sisters.

They want government regulators to force AT&T, Time Warner, and other companies to sell them access to cable customers at wholesale prices, so competition in the Internet business remains healthy.

"Right now, people like the Internet because it's full of choices. What AT&T is saying is, if you want a faster Internet, you lose all your choices. And I think people will care a lot about that," said Greg Simon, co-director of openNET, a lobbying group AOL formed with other Internet providers and regional phone companies.

The contest between these two sides will help determine who profits the most from the billions of dollars in new subscriber fees, online commerce and advertising that will come with this next generation of Internet services.

Cable companies want to

keep their wires to themselves, saying there will be a variety of alternative methods that rivals can use to deliver high-speed communications.

The digital subscriber line, for instance, is a fledgling technology that works through ordinary copper telephone lines. In a few years, satellite TV services like DirecTV will offer Internet and phone hookups. Other wireless systems that beam signals between earth-bound towers, dishes and cell phones are also in the offing.

While none of these technologies is as fully developed as cable, AT&T argues that it is making major investments in upgrading cable systems and should be allowed to profit from this work without others homing in.

Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that use dial-up modems stand to lose big money as computer users switch to high-speed systems, which the industry classifies under the umbrella term "broadband." Some

smaller providers fear the change could put them out of business.

AOL and other ISPs like Prodigy and Mindspring also argue that if they are denied access to a broadband connection, it will cost their customers plenty. One scenario: AOL members who now pay roughly \$20 a month will face an additional bill of \$40 or \$50 to AT&T.

Currently AOL dominates the Internet access market with about 17 million subscribers. AT&T has so far attracted only about 1.5 million, according to a report by Forrester Research.

But AT&T's purchase of cable companies Tele-Communications Inc. and MediaOne Group, along with related deals, will allow it to offer bundles of Internet, phone and cable service to 25.5 million homes, about one-quarter of the nation.

As a result, the Forrester study predicts that over the next four years AOL's market share will drop from 44 percent of U.S. Internet users to 36 percent as more

customers move to broadband.

As a fallback position, AOL has cut deals with other companies to offer high-speed service within two to three years, using digital subscriber lines and satellites.

The Federal Communications Commission has so far declined to regulate Internet access. While Congressional Committees are debating it, the fight for cable wires is being waged before local governments, which have leverage over cable franchise agreements.

Even if AOL fails to win access to cable systems, its existence won't be threatened. But its dominance of the industry may be, said Bruce Kasrel, an analyst with Forrester Research.

"It becomes a threat to their ability to drive the industry if they're not a cable broadband player and cable takes off," he said. "Broadband is going to begin to really define the Internet experience over the next few years."

Lyons awards \$1 million grant for Stickney

State Representative Eileen Lyons and State Senator Christine Radogno have awarded a \$1 million grant to the Village of Stickney. The grant will be used to help facilitate the Village of Stickney in building a new village hall and public safety facility.

"I am pleased to present this much needed money to the Village of Stickney," said Rep. Lyons. "This community development grant will allow them to build new facilities for the community ensuring that they will be prepared for the future."

The one million dollar grant will go towards the three million necessary to complete a new village hall, police station, and fire department.

"Our current facility was built in 1913 and has numerous structural problems. This money will help bring the Village of Stickney into the 21st century," said Village Clerk of Stickney, Arthur Rawers. "We are in need of more space and better technology to help better serve the people of Stickney."

"Taste of Midway" at St. Camillus

St. Camillus Parish presents its annual "Taste of Midway" beginning Wed., August 4th through Sunday, August 8th on the parish grounds at 55th Street and Lorel Avenue (across from Midway Airport).

This year, courtesy of the Department of Aviation and Standard, free parking will be available in the Midway Airport economy lot on 55th Street for all "Taste of Midway" patrons. To qualify for free parking, tickets must be validated at the Parish Raffle Booth.

Featured during the Fest will be 11 of Chicago's finest

restaurants, a giant beer garden, and carnival rides for both young and old. Also featured will be jar games, pull tabs, daily Bingo, a casino, and many, many more surprises.

Live entertainment will be featured in the Beer Garden. On Wednesday - Eddie Blazonezyk's Versatones, Thursday - The Music Company, Friday - The Flapjacks, Saturday - The Dancing Noodles, Sunday - Stas Bulanda's Dyno Chicago at 1 p.m. followed by the Downtown Sound at 6 p.m. The Chet & Dolores Schafer Polka Show will

broadcast from the parish grounds on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. over WCEV - 1450 AM.

The Parish Super Raffle, with a 1st prize of \$10,000, 2nd prize of \$3,000, 3rd prize of \$1,000, and 4th - 7th prizes of \$500, will be held on Sunday night. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

An "Unlimited Ride" Special for \$12.00 is available on Thursday, August 5th from 6 p.m. to closing, and



Jacki Mari's monthly column of predictions is on page 4... check it out!

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on Saturday and Sunday, August 7th and 8th from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

On Saturday, August 7th, Chicago Oldies Station WJMK (104.3) Dairy Queen Street Machine will make a special appearance between 5 - 7 p.m.

Admission is free. Must be 21 years of age to enter the Beer Garden. For more information please call the Parish Office at 773/767-8183.

St. Bride holds luncheon

St. Bride's Alumni Association's annual luncheon will be held Sunday, September 19, at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel. For further information please call the alumni office 708/349-8247.

Troyer joins compliance department

Marquette National Bank recently hired Judy Troyer as an Assistant Vice President, Compliance Officer. Her responsibility is to develop and coordinate bank efforts

to comply with Federal laws and regulations for new and existing products and services.

Prior to joining Marquette National bank, Troyer was as an Assistant Vice President, Compliance Manager of Beverly Bank, where she managed the compliance program.

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S.S. Constantine and Helen announce Greek Fest '99

The community of Saints Constantine and Helen of Palos Hills, announce it's Greek Fest 1999 will be held on August 21, from 4:30 to 11 p.m., and August 22, from 12:30 to 11 p.m., on the parish grounds.

This year's festival will begin with a Prayer Service and "Ribbon-Cutting Opening Ceremony." This will take place at the festival's south entrance at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 21st and will be attended by various church and civic leaders.

In addition to the delicious menu of souvlakia, (shish-ka-bob), Greek-style chicken, gyros, and other native specialties, a vast selection of sweets, pastries and those famed laukoumades will be available to satisfy the palate. Crafts and CD cassettes from Greece will be featured

for purchase and rides for children will be offered

Greek music and dancing promise to add to the flavor of Greek Fest '99 as will performance of the parish's very talented dance troupe.

For those seeking to learn more about the Orthodox faith, church tours will be ongoing throughout the weekend. Orthodox books, icons and other religious items will also be available for sale.

Proceeds of Greek Fest '99 will benefit the operating expenses and numerous ministries of the parish as well as offset the rising cost of supporting the community's Adamantios Korses Elementary School.

For additional information, please contact the church office at 708/974-3400.

St. Spyridon holds registration

Registration for Greek School classes is now taking place at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights. Registration will be ongoing until September 17th. The Afternoon Greek School is held twice a week on Mondays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Grade levels are preschool through 8th grade. The curriculum encompasses the Greek language, reading, writing, speaking, history, religion, ecclesiastical hymns, geography of Greece, Greek ethnic hymns, and Greek dance. Classes begin on Friday, September 17th, following Agiasmos.

The Adult Greek Language Class will be held on

Friday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. beginning in September. This class is offered for English-speaking adults who have little or no prior knowledge of the Greek language.

For tuition and registration information call the church office Mondays thru Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 708/385-2311.

Urban fishing loaner program at Worth Township

Worth Township residents may borrow fishing equipment (rods, reels, line and tackle) from the office of Township Clerk,

Fishing licenses are available for purchase in the Clerk's Office. If you would like more information concerning this program, please call Worth Township at 708/371-2900.

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Worth's Farmers' Market

Marquette National Bank and the Cook County Sheriff's Department will host the August 4th Farmers' Market at Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Avenue in the Village of Worth. The Cook County Sheriff's Canine Unit will be putting on a demonstration from 10 a.m. until noon. Come and have lunch at the market. Items available for sale include fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, mushrooms, pastas and sauces, breads, bakery items, Cajun sausages, herbs, spices and much more. The Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is sponsored by the Village of Worth.

Church choir seeks new members

The St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church Choir will begin its new season this coming September. They are looking for singers and new choir members to join their new church located at 6980 County Line Road in Burr Ridge. The choir not only fulfills its obligations to their services throughout the year, but also performs the many hymns of the Orthodox faith in public. Members will sing a variety of traditional songs from Greek, Russian, Serbian, Ukrainian, Antiochian, Rumanian, Bulgarian and Byzantine origins.

Mr. John Sutko is the director of the choir. Please contact him at 708/424-3592 if you would like additional information about the choir or if you would like to join the choir.



Pictured left to right: Sue Greenless, Sertoma Centre trainee, Ken O'Brien, Sue Haney, Director of Development, and Tim Clemens, Production Manager.

Professional baseball game to benefit Sertoma Centre

Two teams from the Roy Hobbs Baseball League (a 30 and over baseball league) will be taking up the challenge of a play-off position game while benefiting Sertoma Centre, Inc., a facility serving individuals with disabilities in 65 south/southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago. The Chicago Bulldogs and Oak Lawn A's will give spectators a top notch performance on Thursday, August 12th at 7 p.m. The game will be held at the all-new Hawkinson Ford Stadium, home of the Cook County Cheetah's, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike,

Crestwood. Hooters will be providing bat girls. Admission is \$3.00; tickets will be sold at the gate only.

Ken O'Brien, starting center fielder for the Oak Lawn A's, and mastermind of this first annual charity game has been playing baseball all his life. "I did this for the love of the game and to help others with problems. It's important to show our concern for people in our community. Players, coaches, and sponsors are all really behind this game," says O'Brien. "We hope we can have a great turnout and raise a lot of

money for Sertoma Centre."

The Roy Hobbs Baseball League is from the south suburban area and consists of many players who have played professional baseball. During the fall, these teams take one week out and travel throughout the country playing teams from all over the world. A well known player in the league is Ron Leflore, one of the coaches for the Cook County Cheetah's.

For more information on this annual charity game, please contact Ken O'Brien at 708/597-4000.

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O. L. receives awards

By: F.J. Soczek

Jim Garrett of Chicago Southland gave a 20 minute slide presentation to the Oak Lawn Village Board of Trustees, summarizing the relevant functions of his organization.

Garrett characterized Chicago Southland as an "apolitical" (politically neutral) community promotional business, serving as the "official marketing agency" for 60 southwestern suburbs.

Focusing primarily on area hotels and motels from Midway Airport to Peotone and Joliet, the Lansing based Chicago Southland utilizes governmental grants and selected community contributions to encourage tourism in the form of meetings, conventions and trade shows.

Targeting a potential 16 million visitors to area hotels, restaurants and businesses, Chicago Southland publishes guidebooks focusing on antiques, shopping, dining and cultural history, as well as a discount coupon book.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum formally recognized the twelve year old members of Oak Lawn's undefeated Mustang Allstar baseball team. The team is scheduled to participate in National finals held at Cooperstown, New York, site of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Rosenbaum also announced a community meeting will be held September 7th at 8 p.m. at the Salem Church, 97th & Kostner. The guest speaker will be Maureen Murphy, Chairman of the Cook County Board of Review. Residents are encouraged to bring questions concerning their property tax bills and related matters.

Trustee Ronald Stancik announced that although a recent neighborhood survey favored construction of a wall or physical barricade separating the residential homes on 48th Ct. from the Cicero Ave. business district, it was "unconstitutional to use public money for private use."

The demand for a physical divider came as a result of increasing crime along the Cicero Ave. business district, and in particular the recent murder of 2 liquor store employees.

Stancik urged the redevelopment of the latter section of Cicero Ave., from 92nd Street north to the 87th Street shopping area. Complaining about the current cleanliness along this business strip, Stancik suggested buffer landscaping to improve the visual aesthetic.

Trustee Robert Streit asked that a thank-you letter be sent to the producers of the *America's Most Wanted* television show for the pivotal role played in the recent capture of a suspect in the Extra Value liquor store double murder and armed robbery. The prime suspect was apprehended following a call from a viewer of the popular program.

Trustee Marjorie Joy reiterated her appeal for a traffic signal on 111th Street, citing difficulties for the residents of the Acorn Glen development. Joy noted 150 residents attended a recent meeting and requested that the Village write a letter in support of a State funded traffic light at the entrance to the subdivision.

Trustee William Keane proposed that hearings for

housing violations be held "in house," with a program similar to the one that currently adjudicates local parking violations. Keane noted it often takes 4 to 6 weeks for compliance after the hearings, which are currently conducted at the courthouse in Bridgeview.

Complaints normally include nuisance violations, such as tall grass and untidy property, which Keane feels can be more effectively remedied with a more local venue.

The Board unanimously approved a request to lease 5 classrooms of the Oak Lawn Community High School to Robert Morris College for evening studies.

Currently, Chicago State University, the University of Illinois and Moraine Valley College also lease space at the facility.

The Board unanimously approved the transfer of responsibilities of Village Ethics Officer from the Village President to the Village attorney.

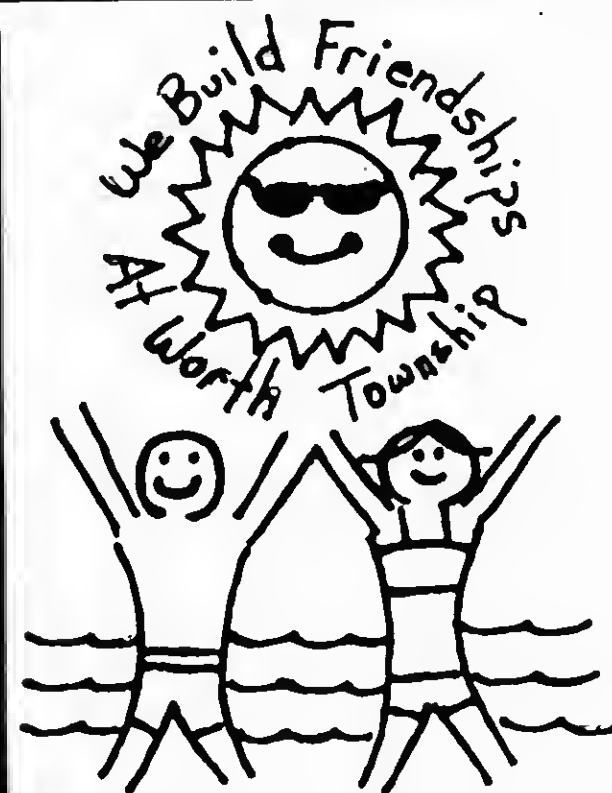
Patrick Lucansky of the Village legal counsel firm of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins opined "Illinois law does not allow the Village President, as well as the Village Clerk, Village Treasurer and all Village Trustees from serving as Village ethics officer."

Mayor Kolb had initially accepted the responsibility as ethics officer due to a limited time frame for legal compliance with the State statute, which establishes guidelines for gifts and political contributions to public officials.

Mayor Kolb accepted an award designating the Village of Oak Lawn as "1999 Reader's Choice for Best Community," resulting from a reader poll of a local newspaper. Oak Lawn won the honor for the second time in the three year history of the competition.



Pictured outside the Worth Township Building are Shelly, her parents, Kathy and Wayne Bennett, along with brother, Brian.



Shelly Bennett wins logo contest

Congratulations to Shelly Bennett, a ten year old from Garden Homes, for winning the Worth Township Summer Day Camp Logo Contest. The winning logo was used on water bottles and program covers for Parents' Night. Supervisor Jack Murphy stated that Shelly's logo was chosen from over twenty entries. Shelly received a \$50.00 savings bond from Old Kent Bank and a gift certificate for brunch for four at Whitney's in the Oak Lawn Hilton. Shelly received a certificate at the Worth Township Board meeting.

Local actor stands firm on pro-life issue



John Evers

Local actor/comedian John Evers attended a prayer vigil recently on the front sidewalk of Christ Hospital, 95th and Kostner. The prayer vigil consisted of approximately 75 people; mostly from the St. Thomas More Parish. John, although not Catholic, attended the prayer vigil, and states "Everyone from all denominations need to work together to be the voices of these innocent babies." Evers attends the Tin-

ley Park Christian Church, where Rev. Tim Harlow is the pastor. Harlow as well takes a firm stand against abortion and what is transpiring at Christ Hospital.

The prayer vigil was in regards to the abortions taking place at Christ Hospital. The hospital is in the process of making it an official policy. The hospital will abort babies who have Down Syndrome, moderate to severe retardation, Cystic Fibrosis, etc.

"Doing the abortions is sad enough," says Evers, "but to perform such action in a facility named 'Christ' is absolutely shameful."

Mr. Evers has been studying theater since the age of 18, has traveled full-time portraying the character "Rounder" in the children's musical "Nathaniel The Groublet." Evers had also

worked in various TV, film, and stage projects. He has studied at various prestigious schools including "The Second City." John presents drama workshops at churches and schools, teaching groups how to begin their own team.

John urges people who are against abortion to make their voice heard by writing and calling the hospital, as well as stating their opposition to their own doctors who are attending physicians at Christ Hospital.

Help relieve fatigue

"Cancer and Exercise Therapy" will be presented at the Cancer Support Center, 2028 Elm Road in Homewood, on Wednesday, August 18. Howard Sidwill, PhD, will explain how exercise can aid in reducing cancer-related fatigue.

To register, or for information on this and other free programs at the center, call 708-798-9171.

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New bank coming to Oak Lawn

A group of local business people announced their intent to charter a new independent, locally owned and managed bank in the Village of Oak Lawn. Plans call for the new bank to be located on 95th Street between Parkside and Major Avenues, and will be known as Oak Lawn Bank.

William Brouwer, a resident of Oak Lawn for over 20 years, and the former president of Oak Lawn National Bank, will serve as the new bank's president. "Our goal is to bring locally-owned community banking to Oak Lawn. In addition, we will bring service bank to banking for both the personal and commercial customer," Brouwer stated. He went on to say, "Oak Lawn is a well established community with dynamic, forward-thinking business and civic leaders. We're confident our bank understands the unique character of our community, and can therefore contribute to maintaining the standards our community deserves."

FIRST grant to improve police communication system

Governor George H. Ryan announced a \$500,000 Illinois FIRST grant for the Orland Park Police Department to upgrade its communication system, the first installment of a larger \$25 million program to modernize police communications statewide.

"This is the beginning of a major public safety program that's going to benefit the south suburbs and every person in Illinois," Ryan said. "For too long, the important work of the State Police and local law enforcement officials has been hampered by a radio and data system that is behind the times. This antiquated system has put our troopers and police departments at a disadvantage in their war against crime."

The \$500,000 grant is the first through Illinois FIRST to help local police departments and the Illinois State Police with a major upgrade of the statewide law enforcement communications system. The new statewide communications system was unveiled in May as part of his \$12 billion Illinois FIRST infrastructure program.

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Other organizers include, Joan Buschbach, President of Buschbach Insurance Agency; Henry Kamp, former partner in Catalina Construction Co.; Barry Gaw, real estate broker with ReMax "10"; Kurt Nelson, investment advisor with LaSalle St. Securities; Kenneth Jillson, Ex. Vice President with Insure One Commercial Insurers; Martin T. Walsh, owner of Forms, Etc.; and Paul Van Zee, former Chief Financial Officer for First National Bank of Evergreen Park.

The organizers of the new bank are currently beginning the capitalization process through a community stock offering. Interested local investors may request a prospectus through any of the organizers, or by phoning or faxing Mr. Brouwer at 708-425-9308.

Prior to commencing operations, the bank will require the approval of the appropriate regulatory authorities.



Jesse White honored

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, Vice President of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, recently presented a resolution to Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White.

Commissioner Meany stated that "The resolution was to honor Secretary White for his 40 years of producing and participation with the Jesse White Tumbling Team." The Jesse White Tumblers are known the world over and White has made a superb contribution to millions of people who have witnessed this wonderful show which is comprised of young people from all walks of life.

Lipinski lines up federal funds for flood control

Congressman Bill Lipinski announced that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development has approved \$990,000 in funding for Army Corps of Engineers' flood control projects in Oak Lawn, Midlothian, Oak Forest, and Tinley Park. The projects are part of the FY 2000 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

"These funds will be used to continue ongoing Army Corps flood control projects in the 3rd Congressional District," explained Lipinski. "The projects will help protect property from future flooding damages, safeguard the environment, and improve our communities' standard of living. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to ensure these vital projects will be adequately funded."

Lipinski, the senior Illinois member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, specifically requested the House Appropriations Committee give priority to these projects as the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill was being drafted. In addition, he was

instrumental in initiating the flood control projects in Oak Lawn and Midlothian/Oak Forest back in 1996 and 1998, respectively.

This year, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., (2nd-IL), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, was a strong supporter in securing funding for the Natalie Creek and Hickory Creek projects.

The bill includes Lipinski's requests for the following projects:

- \$640,000 to complete the design and engineering work and begin construction of the Stoney Creek (Oak Lawn) flood control project. To date, Lipinski has steered over \$1.6 million in federal funds to help alleviate Oak Lawn's flooding problems.

- \$200,000 to complete the feasibility study and initiate design and engineering work for the Natalie Creek (Midlothian/Oak Forest) flood control project.

- \$150,000 to continue the feasibility study for the Hickory Creek (Tinley Park) ecosystem restoration/flood control project.



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This program, administered by the U.S. Department on Aging, gives financial assistance to adult day care centers so that nutritious meals can be integrated with nonresidential care services. The goal of the program is to improve the diets of participants. The meals and snacks served meet standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Listed below are the USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines which are effective July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. The amount of reimbursement received by Little Company of Mary Hospital is based on the number of enrolled participants whose family income is at or below:

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Katherine Keenan, professor of Nursing at Moraine Valley Community College, center, receives a retirement gift from Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, left, president of the college, and Dr. Mary Kay Kickels, right, vice president of Academic Affairs.

Moraine Valley honors retirees

Katherine Keenan, professor of Nursing at Moraine Valley Community College, recently retired from the college.

Keenan, a resident of Oak Lawn, had been an employee of the college since January of 1978. In August of 1978, she became an associate professor of Nursing, and in 1991, she was promoted to professor of Nursing.

"We wish Katherine good luck on her retirement, and we want to thank her for her dedication and contributions to the college," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine Valley.

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Navy Fireman Laura L. Bolek, daughter of Daniel C. Bolek of Bridgeview, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. She is a 1994 graduate of Argo Community High School of Summit.

Marine Pvt. Scott McGee, son of Jimmy McGee of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1997 graduate of Hazelhurst High School of Hazelhurst, Miss.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Joseph E. Redemske, son of Paulette A. Redemske of Burbank, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

He is a 1993 graduate of Sully Buttes High School of Onida, S.D.

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Cerqua Rivera Art Experience to hold outdoor concert

"Fireflies" will once again invade the western suburb of Lemont. However, these are fireflies of a different sort.

"Fireflies & Moonlight", an open air concert under the stars will be performed by the Cerqua Rivera Art Experience (CRAE). This performance will be held on Saturday, August 21, at the Lamb residence in Lemont. Seats range from \$30 to \$100. Seating will open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Just as the fireflies light up the sky so, too, will the artists, dancers and musicians light up the skies of Lemont as they work together to create an electrifying, dramatic and sometimes whimsical atmosphere. "The goal of CRAE is to explore the soul through the fusion of music,

art and dance in live performance," said Joe Cerqua, Artistic Director and Composer in residence. "What better way to celebrate the possibilities of the human spirit than through song and dance," added Cerqua.

"I'm very honored to have such a prestigious company perform at my home. It is a wonderful evening - beautiful music and dance with great people to enjoy a summer night," added Rose Lamb, President of Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes.

For ticket information or to obtain raffle tickets, please call 773/539-7825.

The Cerqua Rivera Art Experience is a not-for-profit arts organization. Major support is provided by Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes, Just Results, inc. and Mark & Lisa Fishman.



Marilyn Thiel, departmental assistant of Career Planning and Placement at Moraine Valley Community College, left, receives a retirement gift from John J. Daley, right, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees.

Moraine Valley honors retiree

Marilyn Thiel, departmental assistant for Career Planning and Placement at Moraine Valley Community College, recently retired from the college.

Thiel, a resident of Palos Hills, had been an employee of the college since February of 1976, when she started as a student aid. In 1976, she was hired as a part-time clerk in the Adult Career Resources Center, and in 1979, she became a clerk for Career Planning and Placement. Thiel was reclassified as departmental assistant for Career Planning and Placement in 1986.

"We want to thank Marilyn for her dedication to Moraine Valley, and we wish her good luck on her retirement," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine Valley.



State Comptroller proposes \$7 billion tax rebate plan

State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes stated that a major share of Illinois' tobacco settlement proceeds should be returned to taxpayers in the form of an annual rebate. Hynes' rebate program would return nearly \$7 billion of the \$9.1 billion settlement to taxpayers, with the remaining money going towards anti-smoking initiatives.

Hynes \$7 billion rebate proposal would be the largest tax rebate plan in the history of Illinois and would give every Illinois taxpayer an average of over \$50 per year for twenty-five years. The plan would also direct nearly \$2.5 billion to anti-smoking programs, including prevention, cancer research and smoking cessation, with the specific programs to be determined by the General Assembly.

"Taxpayers should finally be given the opportunity to be at the head of the line. The primary purpose of the lawsuit and the negotiated refund was to reimburse states

for the costs incurred due to tobacco related diseases. Because the taxpayers paid those health care bills, they should be reimbursed," said Hynes.

The basic elements of the proposal include:

- \$7 billion in tax rebates funded with 80% of the settlement proceeds beginning in 2001.

- \$2.5 billion in anti-smoking initiatives including 100% of the proceeds in 2000 and 20% of the proceeds for 25 years beginning in 2001.

- One-half of the year 2000 proceeds (\$205 million) would be placed in a dedicated fund and invested with the interest going towards anti-smoking programs.

- More than 5 million taxpayers would receive an annual rebate averaging over \$50 for 25 years.

Hynes praised Attorney General Jim Ryan for his vigorous efforts in pursuing this litigation on behalf of the taxpayers of Illinois.

"Attorney General Ryan and his staff should be commended for their hard work in making this settlement a reality," said Hynes.

Hynes said he plans to submit testimony on behalf of this concept to the General Assembly in the coming months.

Beverly Theatre Guild holds auditions

The Beverly Theatre Guild will hold open auditions for the classic musical comedy, based on the characters of Damon Runyan, "Guys and Dolls," music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Joe Swerling and Abe Borrows. Parts are available for 25 men and women and ten children ages 6-12. Auditions dates are Sunday, August 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. for children followed by adult auditions from 5-7 p.m. Auditions continue for adults on Monday, August 30 from 7-10 p.m., with call backs Tuesday, August 31, from 7-10 p.m., at the Washington and Jane Smith Retirement Home, (auditorium), 113th Place and Western Ave., enter off the parking lot behind building, through the Gregg Door, please do not park in numbered or handicapped

spots. The show will be directed by Glenn Hering, 9845 S. Damen, musically directed by Alan Bukowiski and choreographed by Melanie Herman.

Auditionees should bring sheet music in their key, not necessarily from the show, for the musical audition and wear loose fitting clothing for the dance/movement audition. The show will be presented at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th St., Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 7 at 2 p.m. and the following weekend Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 14 at 2 p.m. Call 312-409-2705 for further information or visit their web site at (www.beverlytheatreguild.org).

College students and computers go back-to-school

It's back-to-school time and many college students are shopping for computers. College kids now find computers as valuable as textbooks and backpacks. USA Today says that 60 percent of all college students own computers - up to 90% at designated campuses - and some colleges even require them. About 90% of all colleges now provide internet access to students and 93% have websites.

Students use computers for research, e-mail, checking grades and taking on-line courses, according to a Market Data Retrieval report. While on-line, they can apply to college, register for courses and submit homework. Many dorm rooms, classrooms, and student centers are wired. Many school assignments are posted on-line and discussion groups meet this way. Far from a luxury, computers are now "standard" for many college students.

Computers can be expensive, however, and families need to find good equipment at reasonable prices. Popular

new notebook computers start at \$1,400 and may cost much more.

As an alternative, Computer Renaissance in Burbank sells new and pre-owned computers at excellent prices. They have quality used notebook computers, as well as new ones, available for about \$399 (for a 486 notebook) and about \$799 (for a Pentium notebook), right at back-to-school time. There are also new and pre-owned desktop computers at reasonable prices.

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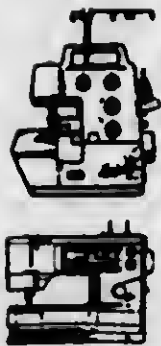
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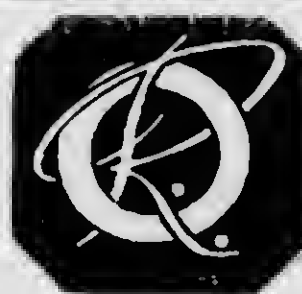
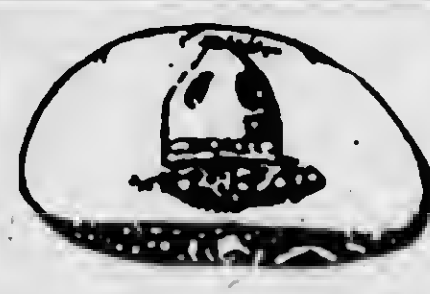
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Navy Pier closes out summer

Navy Pier and Skyline Stage will host a number of lakefront activities and concerts throughout August and September. From fireworks to a performance by the Trinity Irish Dance Company, summer visitors can enjoy both indoor events and outside activities on Chicago's spectacular lakefront.

The following is a list of events:

Fireworks - Wednesdays and Saturdays, through September 4. 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10:15 on Saturdays - Evenings at Navy Pier are ablaze with color and music as visitors are treated to a spectacular fireworks show every Wednesday and Saturday evening through Labor Day. Admission is free.

Swing Into the Weekend at Navy Pier - Thursdays through September 2. 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. - Every Thursday evening, visitors are invited to swing the night away to the sounds of a live swing band on the Miller Lite Stage. A different swing band is featured each week. Navy Pier Beer Garden. Admission is Free.

Dancing Under the Stars - Wednesdays through August 25. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. - Visitors will experience unforgettable nights of Dancing Under the Stars in the incredible setting on Navy Pier's historic East End. Guests will not only have the opportunity to dance the night away to a different type of music, performed each week by top local orchestras, but the Pier will feature a spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. Free dance lessons are from 6 to 7 p.m.

Labor Day Weekend Celebration - September 4 - 6. Families looking to end the summer season with a bang will head to Navy Pier Labor Day weekend for a variety of activities, including the final fireworks shows of the summer. As always, the Miller Lite Stage in the Navy Pier Beer Garden will be rockin' with some of Chicago's top bands and entertainers. In addition, the Pier will also have a variety of strolling performers, including the Pier's own hilarious improv troupe.

Moraine offers Independent Study in Literature

Moraine Valley Community College will offer two independent study courses in Literature during the fall semester.

Students can earn three or four credit hours for a reading program that they design. Students must meet with a faculty member periodically. For more information, call the college's Alternative Learning Department at (708) 974-5710.

Fall semester classes begin Monday, August 23. Tuition is \$44 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. Students can also register by phone by calling (708) 974-2110. More information about Moraine Valley is also available on the college's Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.



See Rodgers & Hammerstein's "State Fair" at the Fireside

The Fireside, Inc., Wisconsin's premier dining and theater experience in Fort Atkinson, is proud to announce Rodgers & Hammerstein's "State Fair" is now playing.

In this classic Broadway musical, we join the Frake family in the middle of America's heartland for a trip to the Iowa State Fair. Father dreams of winning the blue ribbon for his favorite prize pig. Mother will accept nothing less than first prize in the minced meat contest. And daughter and son are in search of the greatest prize of all - true love. The Rodgers & Hammerstein score for "State Fair" is full of rollick-

ing production numbers and dreams ballads, including "It's a Grand Night for Singing," "All I Owe I owe," "Our State Fair" and their Academy Award winning hit "It Might As Well Be Spring."

The production is directed by Ed Flesch with musical direction by Paul Hamilton and choreography by Marc Robin. Costumes are being designed by Dione Lebahr in association with Scot A. Lane of Design Workshop. The set design is by Rick Rasmussen and the lighting design is by Jim Fulton. Featured performers include Jeffrey Wolf and Cathleen Charleson as Abel and Melissa Frake, Ingrid Ladendorf

as Margy Frake, Douglas Ladendorf as Pat Gilbert, Tari Kelly as Emily Arden and Buck Hujabre as Wayne Frake. The cast of 20 professional actors/singers/dancers were selected from The Fireside's New York auditions and represent some of the finest Broadway and Regional performers in the country.

The Fireside complex includes several gift shops with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and is located on Business Hwy. 26 on the southside of Fort Atkinson. For tickets or additional information you may write to The Fireside at P.O. Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, call 1-800-477-9505 or check out their web site at www.firesidetheatre.com.



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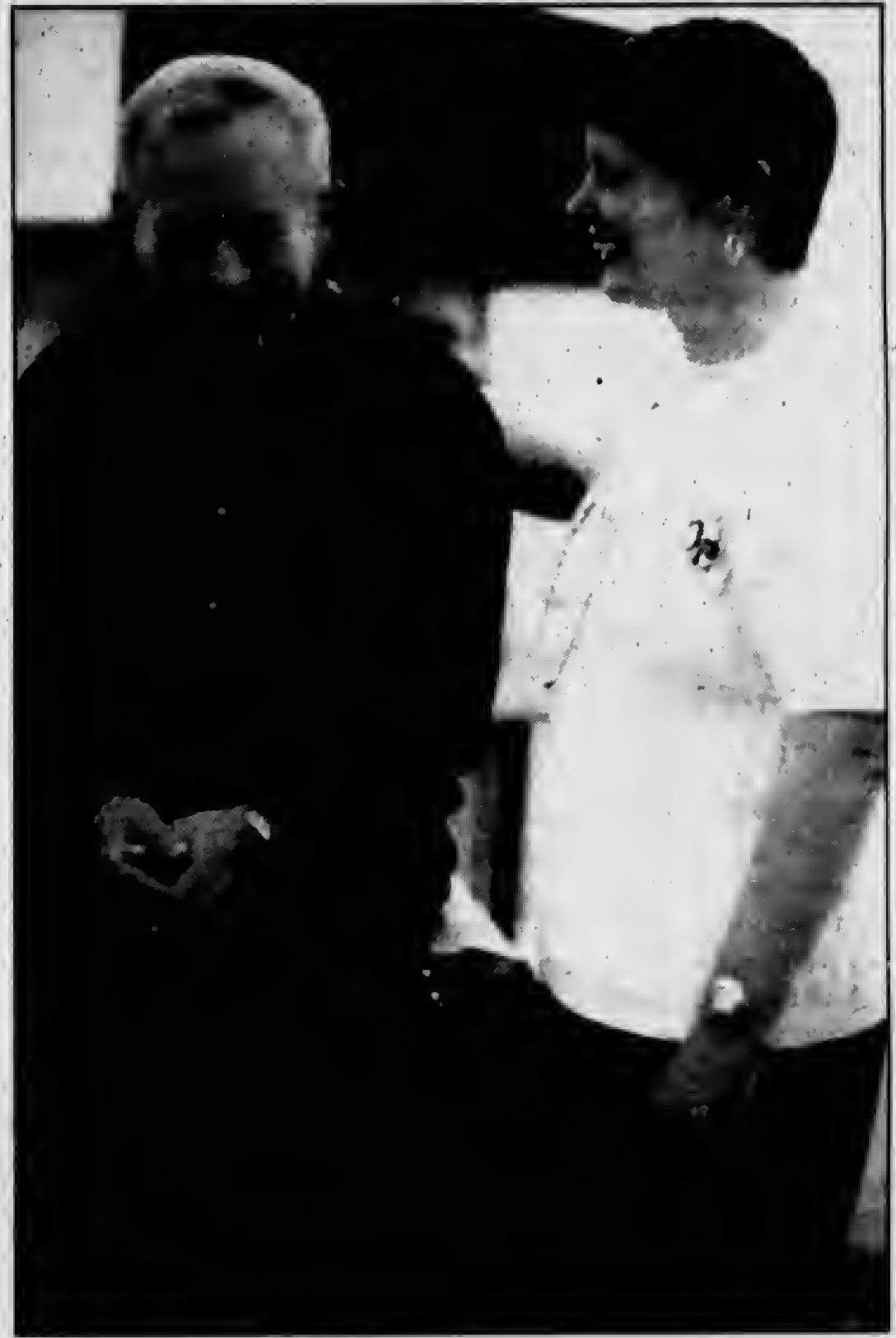
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Remind the President: It's your money - you deserve a refund

By Rep. J.C. Watts, Jr.

Just last week, the U.S. House passed monumental legislation based on a simple idea — the idea that once the government pays its bills and has money left over, it should be returned to those who paid it: you the taxpayer. But the bill, the Financial Freedom Act, has a long way to go, and the President has threatened to veto it. This is why he shouldn't.

In the first two years of his term (1993-1994), President Clinton projected a budget deficit for 1998 of \$235.4 billion. Yet, in 1995 under Republican leadership, we established spending caps and fiscal responsibility, trimmed excessive governmental spending, and applied common sense to how America's tax dollars should be spent.

Just recently, we celebrated the first true balanced budget, the fruits of the labors we began in 1995. This year's balanced budget bill is the first in decades that doesn't use Social Security funds to avoid a budget deficit. Today, the Congressional Budget Office is projecting a \$2.9 trillion surplus over the next 10 years.

Two years into his first term, President Clinton and a Democrat-controlled Congress raided the Social Security Trust Fund and took \$57 billion to pay for budget deficits and more big government spending. Today, the White House has agreed to accept the Republican "lock box" initiative to protect every penny of Social Security from Washington's big spenders.

Two years into his first term, Bill Clinton and a Democrat-controlled Congress passed the biggest tax increase in history. In October 1995, the President told a group in Houston, "Probably there are people in this room still mad at me about that budget because you think I raised your taxes too much. It might surprise you that I think I raised them too much too."

Yet, how does he feel now? In January, speaking before a group in Buffalo, NY, the President said, "We have no permanent deficit anymore, the natural condition is a surplus, okay — so the question is, what do we do with it? We could give it all back to you and hope you

spend it right." Not only would he rather keep the money in Washington, but he doesn't even trust you with your own money.

I believe otherwise. Families receiving a tax refund can either save more or spend it on needed school clothes for their kids, a new washer or dryer, or for what they decide will secure their future. And, when Americans keep more of their hard-earned money, the economy grows.

The President began this year offering no tax relief to the American people, saying the Republican tax relief proposal was 'extreme' and 'irresponsible.' Recently, he has modified his position, supporting \$250 billion in tax cuts, and now saying he would support \$300 billion. The President has said many times that tax cuts would even stand in the way of needed domestic spending and Medicare. Even Democrat Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska has called that claim pure 'folly.'

And then, there's the public debt of all those years that ran budget deficits. Once again, the President's rhetoric

is short on facts. Because of a strong economy and our commitment to a balanced budget, Republican-led fights in Congress have already erased \$51 billion of debt in 1998, and another \$102 billion this year alone. In fact, with the Republican Social Security lock box in place, we will pay down \$2 trillion of debt over the next 10 years.

The fact is Speaker Dennis Hastert and Congressional Republicans have put forth a common sense agenda — locking away retirement security, returning education dollars back home, providing meaningful tax relief, and rebuilding our national security — all to secure America's future.

So, remind the President: It's your money, not Washington's, you overpaid Uncle Sam, you deserve it back, and the president should never lose sight of that fact.

Congressman J.C. Watts, Jr., represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District and is Chairman of the House Republican Conference.



Century 21 Pro-Team expands with new educational facility

Century 21 Pro-Team, located in Oak Lawn, has just completed the construction of their new educational facility located in the Palos Professional Center, at 11801 Southwest Highway, Palos Heights.

A dedication took place on Wednesday, June 16th to celebrate the opening of the new facility. "The new educational facility is part of an ongoing effort to offer our community the best quality service possible," Chuck Dinolfo, Broker/Owner of Century 21 Pro-Team said. "It's not just a new facility, it is having the ability to really train the best sales associates with better technology. We believe that training Realtors in this atmosphere will give our clients the best service available." The new educational facility will be used for monthly real estate career seminars, pre-license training, and advanced real estate education for agents of all experience levels. The classroom will also be available to rent on a per diem basis for those needing meeting space, seminar location, or a training center. For more information, call (708) 424-4475 ext. 184.

Sheriff's police announce suburban drug investigation

Cook County Sheriff's officers have arrested 12 people in an undercover drug investigation in the southwest suburbs focusing on the sale of the drug known as "Ecstasy" which is gaining popularity for its use in local dance bars and nightclubs, Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced.

Over the course of the last two months, undercover officers from the Sheriff's Gang Crimes/Narcotics Unit purchased Ecstasy as well as cocaine from employees and patrons at four southwest suburban establishments. The investigation was launched after Sheriff's Police received information from other bar patrons who had witnessed drug transactions.

According to Sheahan, the offenders who sold the drugs were not part of an organized ring, but rather independent dealers who are trying to take advantage of what is becoming a lucrative market for the sale of the so-called designer drug. News of Ec-

stasy first surfaced in the mid 1980s for its use in European dance clubs. According to narcotics investigators, Ecstasy has gained prominence in many Chicago night clubs and "Rave" parties. These parties have become increasingly popular all-night gatherings where narcotics use is prevalent. The rave parties are often advertised on the Internet and are known to be frequented by teens and college students.

Sheahan also noted that because the drug often lowers the inhibitions of its users, it can be used to take advantage of or sexually victimize an unsuspecting individual.

According to the Partnership for Drug Free America, Ecstasy, or MDMA (methylenedioxymethamphetamine) is a synthetic drug that acts simultaneously as a stimulant and an hallucinogen. The drug stimulates the central nervous system and produces hallucinogenic effects. Users

of the drug report a lowering of inhibitions and coordination can be severely impaired. The drug increases the heart rate and blood pressure and its negative effects include psychiatric disturbances, blurred vision, fainting and tremors.

According to investigators, the drug is sold in capsule form for an average price of \$20 per tablet. Undercover officers report they had little trouble locating and purchasing the drug once they entered the establishment. Once the buys were made, warrants were obtained for the arrest of each suspect. All 12 were arrested recently.

The following were arrested after selling drugs to an undercover officer at the Cobalt Lounge, 9600 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge:

1. Robert Brya, 22, of Crestwood, charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (Ecstasy).
2. Joseph Potocki, 23, of Orland Park, charged with

two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (Ecstasy).

3. Stephan Lille, 24, of Orland Park, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (Ecstasy).

4. Jason Frencl, 21, of Orland Park, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (Ecstasy).

5. Laura Hertz, 23, of Oak Lawn, charged with one count delivery of a controlled substance for the sale of Ecstasy, and one count delivery of a controlled substance for the sale of Cocaine.

6. Marko Milinkovic, 25, of Worth, charged with one count delivery of a controlled substance (Cocaine).

7. Amos Master, 22, of Worth, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (Ecstasy).

8. Michael Shull, 22, of Crestwood, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (Ecstasy).

The following were ar-

rested after selling drugs to an undercover officer at Groovy Lounge, 4660 W. 147th St., Midlothian:

9. Kathy Betts, 28, of Lockport, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (ecstasy).

10. Scott Foster, 29, of Lockport, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (Ecstasy).

The following person was arrested after selling drugs to an undercover officer at Two's Company Lounge, 13849 S. Cicero, Crestwood:

11. Emanuele Antonucci, 28, of Crestwood, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (Cocaine).

The following person was arrested after selling drugs to an undercover officer at Frank's Place, 6353 W. 79th Street, Burbank:

12. Melissa Dryer, 29, of Bridgeview, charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance (Cocaine).

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Summer's end

It's been almost three months of life lived in the carefree, lazy days of summer. The weather has finally given us a reprieve from the sweltering 90+ degree weather that we've actually been getting use to. But, one look at the calendar and you know that the good old days of summer are quickly on their way to becoming a distant memory.

Though the sun still shines so warmly upon our days, and nights are still enjoyed walking or bike riding with the ones we love—there are signs that these casual days are numbered.

You know summer is almost over when...

1. Back to school sales are everywhere. The malls are filled with parents and kids, busy shopping for the new fall styles that have now replaced tank tops and bathing suits on store racks.

2. We shake our heads in disbelief at decorative pumpkins already taking their place on store shelves. (Next month it will be Santa Clause also sharing space on the very same shelf).

3. You find yourself not caring if you ever see chicken and potato salad on the same plate again.

4. Beef stew and pots of homemade soups are what's on your mind now as you look forward to treating your family to good old-fashioned home cooking.

5. Little League games are replaced with the sight of budding young football players at practice. Even though the weather is still warm, football season has begun, helmets, shoulder pads and all.

6. Mom's are starting to smile as they count down the days till their sanity returns!

7. Flowers, planted in May, have overflowed into a blossoming vision of beauty. We try to savor their delicate elegance, to remember it when the starkness of February leave us in a cold and barren state of mind.

8. Summer vacations have been enjoyed, college students are bidding us farewell, as they load up the car with anything that isn't nailed down.

9. We visit the zoo and make one last trip to the water parks with family, before we say good-bye to summer.

10. Another season is approaching. Leaves will soon change color and there will be a chill in the air. School and all its activities will again be in full swing. Soon we'll find ourselves looking forward to hot chocolate on cold winter nights.

And in our heart's memory, we will know that the beauty of summer is only a sun-kissed thought away.

Schumann elected to NARC Board

Herbert T. Schumann Jr. was elected to the Board of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) at its recent meeting in Monterey, California by the association membership.

Schumann, president of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, is also a member of the Cook County Board. He resides in Palos Heights with his family.

NARC represents the interests of councils of govern-

ments, planning commissions and others engaged in building the regional community. The association promotes region wide public/private/civic partnerships as a key strategy in dealing with social, economic and infrastructure issues in rural and urban areas throughout the United States.

The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission is the comprehensive planning agency for the six county metropolitan area. In addition to planning, the agency provides technical and research assistance and reviews federal grant requests for local governments.



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Senior Assessment Service streamlines diagnostics

A new service at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers beginning September 10, will offer seniors more health assessment options in a streamlined process. The new assessment service combines a head-to-toe history and physical with a psychosocial evaluation, comprehensive lab work, audiology (hearing) testing, vision testing, physical therapy assessment, and dietary assessment.

The Senior Assessment Service simplifies the often confusing process of getting a thorough, reliable diagnosis for people over age 65. According to Dr. Kathleen Casper, of the Senior Assessment Service, the new, one-location approach is consumer-friendly for seniors and their families. "Sometimes a patient may be reluctant to visit a doctor for cognitive difficulty, and will only come for an assessment once a physical problem has

manifested," said Casper. "When we can do a thorough examination at one location, we alleviate much of the stress from traveling to and from multiple doctors' offices. Typically, a senior assessment might involve a group of professionals from different specialties — geriatricians, psychiatrists, physical therapists, ophthalmologists, and others, and often requires multiple trips to various offices.

Little Company's Senior Assessment Service is available every Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Outpatient Services area, just off the hospital's entrance at 94th & California. Specialty options include orthopedics, urology, podiatry, ophthalmology, and osteoporosis. The program also includes physical therapy, nutritional and social services. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 708/229-5625.

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Back-to-School 101: A few hints for parents with children of any age

Back-to-school time is almost here, and basking in these last days of summer is all you can do to keep your cool with the fall season fast approaching. You've got one child starting kindergarten, one starting the sixth grade, and one entering their junior year in high school! You might think that getting through the month of August with out going crazy and broke is impossible. Have no fear. Relax and take note of the following tips on some back-to-school basics.

Starting a new school:

Whether your family has moved or your child is starting junior high or even high school for the first time, a new school can be a scary experience. Some things to do before school starts might include:

- Visiting the new school. If possible, take a tour-guided preferably-and see

the location of your child's classes; the gymnasium, the lunchroom, etc.

- Introduce your child to their teacher(s). He or she may be there for an orientation if there is one, or may be available the day before school starts. This is especially important for children starting kindergarten. Another option is to meet the principal or secretary. Any familiar face will be a comfort on the first day in a new school.

- See if there are special programs for new students. Orientations are common in high schools and in some junior highs. Check out options for younger children.

Starting Kindergarten:

The same advice applies as when starting any new school. However, according to prekindergarten teacher Stephanie Perrin, there are things that your child should know before starting kinder-

garten:

- Their first and last name, and their parent's first and last names.
- How to tie their shoes, button buttons, etc.
- Some of the alphabet and how to count to ten would be helpful too.
- Brush up on reading to your child and be sure they understand how to listen to a story.

School Supplies:

Most schools will provide a list in spring for the following fall. If the child is new or in kindergarten, a list can probably be picked up at the school office. Make an effort to buy what is needed and use common sense with older children (i.e. they won't be needing crayons).

- Watch for sales in late summer. And remember that this is only the first round of supplies that children will use. By the winter break, new supplies will be in need.

A good plan is to buy doubles or triples of supplies during summer sales. You will have one less thing to worry about during your winter holiday shopping.

New Clothes:

Do try to buy something new for the first day of school. Kids will feel better and more excited about going back to school.

As for shopping, take inventory of what the child has and what still fits. Maybe they only need a pair of jeans, a sweater, or a fall jacket. Decide together what is needed and set aside a day or evening to shop.

Homework:

Show consideration for

and concern for a child's homework activities. Instead of being stern about doing homework, be interested yet easygoing. Do homework with your child at the kitchen table (While you do your own work or pay bills). Or check in on them every so often while they are doing homework in their room.

If necessary and with several children in the home, there may be a need to set aside a study period during the evening. Figure out everyone's schedule and post the time on a message board in the kitchen - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, for example. No homework? Good grades can call for some free computer time, but when a report card tells a different story,

suggest that the child read a book or get started on a school project.

The Internet:

Most kids can outdo their parents in computer knowledge. So it is up to parents to keep up with current software and pay attention to what their kids are using the computer for. No one can be with a child every time they turn on the Internet, but schools and parents often choose filtering and safety software.

Take the initiative and responsibility to find out what your child's school is using and how they handle the viewing of restricted subject matter. Take the time to evaluate use of safety software in the home.

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Students focus on values at Christian colleges

Across the country high school graduates are preparing to enter college in the fall. Some are leaving the safety and security of home for the first time. Others are looking forward to making their own decisions and living their own lives. Yet parents have some very understandable concerns.

Today's teens are entering a collegiate world filled with many peer pressures and temptations: alcohol and drug use, casual sex, alternative lifestyles, partying, academic cheating. Are they strong enough to withstand the pressures and temptations? Will their college experience build a solid foundation for a lifestyle as well as a career?

More and more parents and youth have been asking these questions in recent years and their answers are making a significant impact on Christian colleges across the country. The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) reports enrollments in Christian colleges are on the rise. From 1990 to 1996, enrollment grew 24 percent at the Council's 94 schools. At the same time enrollment at private colleges increased 5 percent, 4 percent at public institutions.

The increase is really no surprise at Christian colleges. Whether it's the home-schooling/church school factor, a rise in conservatism among this generation or ambitious marketing and recruiting efforts, Christian colleges are experiencing remarkable growth.

"Today's students and their parents are very aware of the total makeup of an individual: it's both the educational and the spiritual," says Dr. Doug Huffman, dean of admissions at Northwestern College in Saint Paul, Minn. a member school of the CCCC. "They realize Christian schools are not merely supplying spiritual food and starving the brain. These schools are also providing excellent academic programs and career preparation."

From the financial standpoint, Christian colleges are more expensive than public schools but less expensive than private colleges. Huffman points out. Com-

petitive financial aid packages are helping to bridge that gap, thus making a Christian college education more affordable for low-to-middle-income families. At Northwestern, 97 percent of all freshmen receive some form of financial aid and 84 percent of all students receive need-based aid.

Yet the financial aspect isn't the only consideration in choosing to attend a Christian college. "There are many young people who

don't want to neglect their belief and value system," Huffman says.

The lifestyle issue is a big draw for many students, as well as their parents. At Northwestern, like many of the CCCC schools, students sign a Community Life Agreement that "Upholds responsible living with integrity by expecting Christian conduct of all students, faculty and staff. All members are expected to abstain 12 months a year from im-

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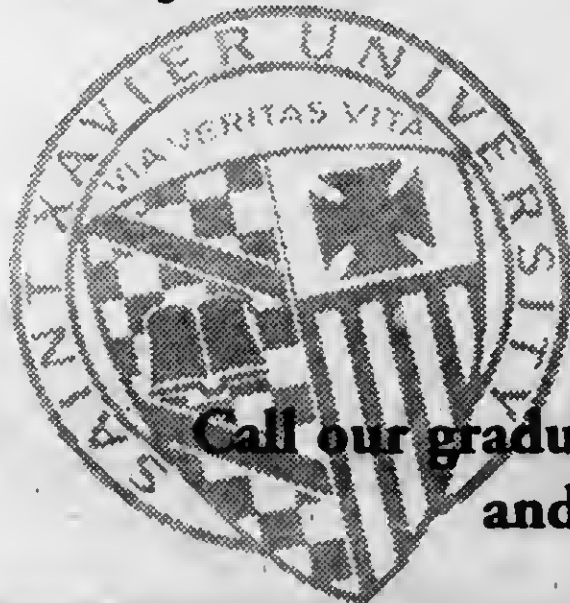
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On Tuesday, August 24th all faculty and staff will gather for a special welcome liturgy. This year's theme will be, "We are walking his talk." On August 25th, all freshmen will report to school at 7:45 a.m. Plans for the day include group ses-

sions in which the students will be introduced to the administrative team and teaching staff. Students will also follow their schedule and meet their teachers. On the same day, at 6:45 p.m. there will be a meeting for all parents and guardians of incoming freshmen. This will give parents an opportunity to meet the administration, faculty and staff of Lourdes High School. On August 26th all students will be in attendance. All students are to report at 7:45 a.m. The first full day of school is August 30th.

Sister Josita said, "We are excited to begin this new school year and are challenged as we prepare for the new millennium. In addition to planning the curriculum and programs, Lourdes has

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Erin King, of Frankfort, Illinois, was the winner from the Olympia Fields office; Francisco Rodriguez, of Hammond, Indiana, was the winner from the Munster office; and Jeanne Haegele, of Chicago was the winner from the Oak Lawn office.

Jeanne is a sophomore at the University of Illinois in

Urbana, Champaign, where her major is in architecture. Jeanne made the Dean's List in her first and second semesters. She is currently the Rush Chairperson for the Alpha Rho Chi, a professional fraternity for architecture students. During her freshman year she was a member of the University Chorus, St. John's church choir, Habitat for Humanity, and Volunteer Illini Projects. Jeanne is the daughter of Janet and Robert Haegele.

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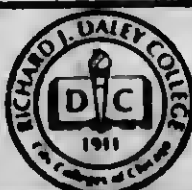
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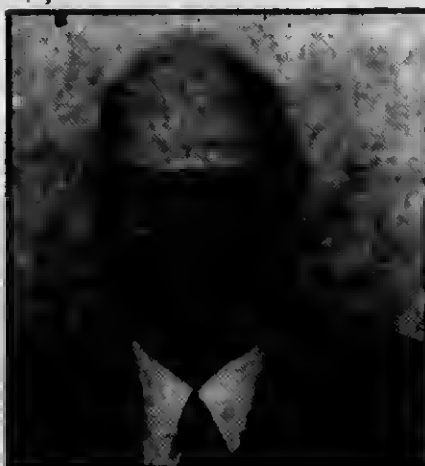
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Springer graduated from Bogan Junior College with an A.A., in Business and Finance; Roosevelt University with a B.S., in Business Administration and DePaul University with a M.B.A., in

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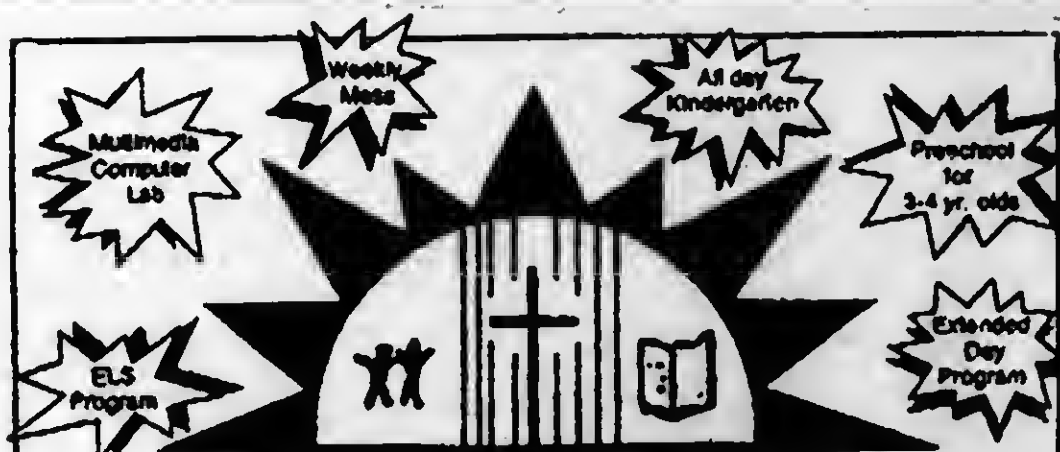
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Concern over Y2K issues has prompted us to take several steps to assure our customers' peace of mind and share it with the readers of this publication as we move closer to the Year 2000.

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- ❖ Founders Bank is the first bank in the region to announce that it will be open on the very first day of the year — Saturday, January 1, 2000.
- ❖ Founders Bank has identified and contacted the vendors who support our business through various systems and equipment and have ascertained their ability to meet the Y2K challenge. We have received testing results from substantially all of our vendors that they are prepared to process in the new century. We have taken steps to replace any vendors unable to ascertain their ability to meet the Y2K challenge.
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All of us at Founders Bank hope this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to call us or write us about any Y2K concerns you may have. We look forward to serving you now and into the next century.

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Helen Socha
Executive Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer

YEAR 2000 READINESS DISCLOSURE

VILLAGE NEWS

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



Enjoying his birthday, Sgt. Jim Kulekowskis, Jim Carroll; Commander James Molloy, 8th District; and Commander Tom Henry enjoy the picnic and the pause of a picture.

Chicago Lawn Police beat 811 holds a picnic

by Annette Dixon

Recently the beat officer from Chicago Lawn Police District's beat 811 held a picnic at the Wentworth Park fieldhouse, at 5625 S. Mobile Avenue.

There was food, a magician, and the mounted police from Chicago and Cook County. The Sheriff's office had their canine dogs along with Chicago's bicycle unit and the Chicago Fire Department.

The officer in charge of organizing the picnic was Sgt. Jim Kulekowskis. People from 51st Street to 59th Street from Central to Harlem were enjoying themselves. Thank you to Sgt. and all the officers for a great time.

Photos by Annette Dixon



Many of the seniors came out to enjoy the picnic and the food and entertainment.



Chicago Mounted Officers, Tony Giralamo and his horse Big Red; and Tom Wlezian with his horse Harvey enjoyed being at Wentworth Park Fieldhouse.

Women's pro volleyball league "digs" into fall tour

The United States Professional Volleyball League (USPV), the newly formed women's pro indoor volleyball league, begins an exhibition tour throughout the Midwest. The inter-squad scrimmage match will take place at 5 p.m. on August 22nd at the Great Lakes Center, 551 West Roosevelt in West Chicago. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.00 per person. Players and coaches will be available for autographs after the game.

Over 25 matches are scheduled against the top professional and college volleyball teams in cities throughout Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Kentucky, and Wisconsin. The 20 elite volleyball players that make up the "USPV Dream Team" have been in training since June preparing for the great Mid-America University & Professional Fall Tour.

The USPV has secured some of the most successful coaches in the world to lead the launch of the league. Arie Selinger, regarded as one of volleyball's legendary figures, will serve as head coach. Satoshi Matsunaga, Ping Cao and Ilaruya Indo join Selinger to make up a world-class coaching staff.

The USPV has the full backing of the Federation Internationale de Volleyball and USA Volleyball, the international and domestic sanctioning bodies for the sport of volleyball. Follow-

ing the Great Mid-America University & Professional Fall Tour, the USA vs. The World Millennium Cup in May 2000 and the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, the USPV will begin its inaugural season in January 2001.

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More than tacos

By: F.J. Soczek

At the age of seventeen, Oscar Munoz Jr. may have the distinction of being one of the youngest successful businessmen in the Village of Worth.

As owner and manager of *Taquerias Atotonilco* restaurant, 6922 W. 111th St., Munoz is carrying on a family tradition of serving fine, authentic Mexican food first began by his uncle in Chicago.

Atotonilco, named after a city in Mexico, is the fourth family run restaurant, with locations at 26th & Harding, 57th & Kedzie and 47th & Ashland in Chicago. A tortilla factory is also an integral part of the growing business.

Oscar Jr., born in Chicago, received his "hands on" training early. Starting as a waiter, he progressively assumed additional responsibilities as his experience grew.

Munoz explained the 111th Street location in Worth was selected after his father, Oscar Sr. noted the many small businesses would no doubt support a restaurant proven to be so popular in the city.

Focusing on authentic Mexican cuisine and using only the freshest ingredients, Munoz caters to a diverse ethnic clientele. Although *Atotonilco* features a drive-thru convenience, the spacious and pleasant dining area certainly bears no resemblance to the atypical, sterile fast-food franchise that focuses on rapid, production line victuals.

Munoz noted his most popular selection was their *Tacos*, with flour or corn tortillas filled with a variety of ingredients.

Fillings seldom found outside the more authentic Mexican *Taquerias* include Mexican *pastor*, a pork and beef blend roasted gyros-style on an open spit, *chorizo*, a spicy, paprika infused Mexican sausage, *lengua*, beef tongue, *cabeza*, beef head and *birria*, or goat meat.

Munoz intimated a traditional Mexican favorite, *menudo*, a spicy dish made from the stomach of a cow, is prepared only on weekends.

Unlike the salty, heavily preserved varieties found in the grocery store, the *salsa*, or sauce/dip is made fresh daily. A variety of fruit-based beverages, such as

papaya, banana, pineapple and strawberry shakes as well as juices complement the traditional Mexican entrees.

The dining philosophy of *Atotonilco* is really quite simple, and described best by the promise printed on each menu: *As you may see, we pride ourselves on quality and fresh food daily...a taste you'll come back for!*

"SWAP crews"

cleaning up Alsip

Labor crews from the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) will be working in Alsip, August 23 & 24 and again on August 30 & 31, as a public service to the taxpayers of Cook County, according to the Office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The SWAP Program is made up of nonviolent offenders charged with DUI and other misdemeanor crimes who "swap" jail time for a community service sentence. Under the supervision of specially trained sheriff's deputies, the crews work throughout the county on a variety of public works projects such as cleaning parks, viaducts and streets.

Palos Hills Park Department

430-4500
8455 W. 103rd Street

Fall Registration - The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department Fall Registration begins August 23 with mail-in or drop-off processing for residents only and on August 30 for non-residents and walk-up registrants. A variety of new programs are being offered for all ages and interests, as well as field trips and special events. The Fall brochures will be available August 23 in the lobby of the Palos Hills Park Department.



Mrs. Ryan meets with Sunlight

First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan met with the Committee of Sunlight Orphan Aid for Lithuania. The committee gave Mrs. Ryan items to be used for her program for disadvantaged youth.

The members of committee shared details of their work with orphans in Lithuania. Pictured from left to right: Raminta Marchertas, (Lemont), Ramune Rackanskas, (Oak Lawn), Mrs. Ryan, Indre Tijunelis, (Buffalo Grove), Aldona Markelis, (Oak Lawn) and Milda Satas, (Westchester).

Money Matters

Worth Township Seniors News

The Worth Township Seniors are planning a one day trip on September 16, to Williams Bay, Wisconsin for lunch and a musical. Call for more information at (708) 371-2900, extension 28. Any weekday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free visions tests will be offered to seniors on September 15; at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. Call for you appointment (708) 371-2900, Extension 28.

Worth Township Senior Citizens Organization will have their next general meeting on Friday, September 10, in the gym of the Worth Township Center. The entertainment will be a speaker on "Estate Planning".

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The assessor's office is changing

by Jude Coyle

Between May and November of 1999, property taxes for the South and Southwest Suburbs are being reassessed. Changes in presentation and accessibility of information are playing a major role in the distribution of new assessments, and Maura Konwacki, Director of Communications, Department of the Cook County Assessor, Jim Houlihan's Office, was happy to discuss them.

The first change has to do with the form each homeowner will receive when reassessment on his property is completed. The new reevaluation will be listed along with the market value price. What is different is the impact figure. This is the dollar figure the residential tax payer will see on the second installment of his tax bill next year.

Also new this year is the Automatic Appeal Form. Prior to this, one needed to contact the Downtown office and request an appeal form. Now if the tax payer does not agree with his assessment, he can fill out the bottom portion of the tax assessment form and mail it in.

Most appeals concern lack of uniformity, i.e., individuals paying different

amounts for houses of the same classification and in the same neighborhood. Classifications are determined by style and square footage, and square footage is measured outside of the residence. Neighborhoods are determined during each reassessment at Neighborhood Mapping Meetings. Officials from the Cook County Assessor's Office, local assessor's office, elected officials and Realtors (people who know the area intimately and the value of the homes) participate. Home prices, the age of the homes in the area, and new subdivisions could determine where boundary lines will be placed. At this point, most of the Mapping Meetings have been completed.

It's no surprise that the Assessor's Office has a website. The address is www.cookcountyassessor.com. No, it isn't new this year, but it has been improved since first going online last year. According to Ms. Konwacki, this has saved taxpayers hours of valuable time spent researching their claims. The Interactive Residential Assessment Search will provide either the assessment of the property of the entire block, or by classification and neighborhood. The taxpayer must enter either the 14 digit

Index Number as it is listed on the assessment form, or his address.

Last year, Ms. Konwacki said that the reassessment of the North and Northwest suburbs went more smoothly and with less appeals because of the accessibility of information. Residential Data Books are available in the Assessor's Office and speakers are available to talk to groups interested in the reassessment process or function of the Assessor's Office. Anyone wishing to engage a speaker should contact the Community Affairs Department at 312-603-7932. Also available on the website are pamphlets and other publications, as well as job opportunities.

According to Bocknak, the addition will bring the home to twice its original size.

Bocknak's next stop was the Cook County Recorder of Deeds. Under the Freedom of Information Act, he discovered that Sequin Services, a nonprofit company, had applied for and received several business loans. Liberty Federal Bank lent Sequin \$71,600 and gave \$15,000.

Bridgeview was selected as a site for this home because it is considered a "depressed area."

At the September 1 Bridgeview Village Board Meeting, Bocknak formerly asked for the Village's help. He feels that stringent controls must be placed on the individuals selected to reside in the home and quality of care provided. Board President Steve Landek asked for, and received, the board's approval to conduct a public hearing on the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bocknak have been residents of Bridgeview for 31 years. He believes he is a compassionate man and his concerns are not unfounded.

Bridgeview resident is mislead

by Jude Coyle

The house next store to Bob Bocknak was purchased by Sequin Services of 3100 S. Central, in Cicero. According to Bocknak, he was given the impression that the home would be used as a major care facility. He found that surprising considering the area is zoned residential. Work on an addition began

on August 10, and almost immediately, Bocknak began having problems with water draining and pooling in his backyard.

An investigation ensued, taking Bocknak to the Bridgeview Village Hall. There he found the property located at 7740 West 80th Street was given a building permit for work to be done to the interior of the home.



Oak Lawn Bank President William Brouwer keeping on top of things as construction continues on their new bank.

Oak Lawn

Future Site Of
Oak Lawn Bank
(In Organization)

By: F.J. Soczek

The banner on the rather run-down building at 5665 W. 95th St. announcing the organization of a new banking institution came as a surprise to many residents of Oak Lawn. There were no announcements at the Planning and Development Commission or the Board of Trustees meetings. Only a recent press release by Oak Lawn Bank's organizers indicated yet another welcome change was underway on the progressively evolving 95th St. streetscape.

Clearly, a "Banking Renaissance" is taking place in our community. No less than a dozen new financial establishments in various configurations have appeared almost overnight, each within reasonable traveling distance of its competitor.

The "local" edition of the Ameritech "Yellow Pages" lists at least 83 different banking/financial institutions in the southwest area, not including the multiple branch offices of the larger organizations. Combined with 36 regional Credit Unions, hundreds of ATMs, cash stations and a substantial number of Currency Exchanges, the money business appears lucrative, to say the least.

While the jury is still out on the store front offices offering "Pay Day and "Car Title Loans," their ever increasing numbers cannot be ignored.

So, why *another* new bank? What about the competition? And why should I (an Oak Lawn resident) transfer my meager funds from a perfectly good bank I have dealt with for 16 years—to a business of which I know nothing about?

Reflecting upon the apparent overabundance of similar institutions, I posed the rather pointed question to Oak Lawn Bank President William Brouwer.

William Brouwer has been an Oak Lawn resident for over 20 years and was previously president of the former Oak Lawn national bank.

Brouwer explained the new bank's credo can be summed up best in two words: Personal Service.

Brouwer intimated the trends in modern banking have left an inextricable void in the area of traditional customer relations. The old fashioned "community bank" has given way to massive corporate conglomerates, often with headquarters thousands of miles away.

Focusing on personalized service and utilizing the latest concepts in contemporary banking technology, Brouwer hopes to establish a much needed niche in the banking marketplace.

Focusing also on the philosophy that people prefer to do business with "people they know," a number of prominent local individuals are listed among the bank's organizers: Joan Buschbach, President of Buschbach Insurance Agency, Henry Kamp, formerly of Catalina Construction, ReMax Realtor/broker Barry Gaw, Kurt Nelson, investment advisor with LaSalle St. Securities, Kenneth Jilson, former V.P. of Insure One, Martin Walsh, owner of Forms, Etc and Paul Van Zee, former CFO for First National Bank of Evergreen Park.

The facade on the existing buildings will be replaced and extensive interior remodeling is underway. An ATM and drive through is planned between the 5665 and 5667 buildings. Brouwer addressed what has now become a "classic" concern facing any new development in Oak Lawn: increased residential traffic. "Residential traffic will be minimal," due to the off-street, drive through configuration.

Vehicles will enter and exit within a short distance of 95th Street, making travel on the adjacent residential streets unnecessary. A soon to be completed Village owned parking lot is situated directly south of the two-story structure, which is scheduled for opening in late Fall, 1999.

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Martial arts classes offered at park district

Registration is going on now for fall martial-arts classes held at the Oak Lawn Park District's Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. Among the classes offered are Matsumura Shorin-Ryu Karate - one of the oldest systems of karate, taught by a fourth-degree black-belt instructor, Sensei Ed Wojciechowski - and Judo-Ju-Jitsu/Self defense, a class that will teach discipline, respect, balance, coordination, falls, pins and throws. The judo class will be taught by Mike DeVito.

The karate class will take place on Thursdays from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. The judo class for beginners will be Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., followed by an hour-long intermediate/advanced class at 6:30 p.m. All classes begin Thursday, Sept. 9, and last 10 weeks. Fees are \$45 per class for residents of Oak Lawn and \$59 for nonresidents.

For more information, please call the Community Pavilion at (708) 857-2420.

A young branch takes on all the bends that one gives it.
—Chinese proverb

50th Year celebrants enjoy party at Palos Country Club

John and Maureen Fineran can remember their very special day of September 3rd, 1949 at St. Dorothy Church in Chicago.



Mr. and Mrs. Fineran in 1949

They recently renewed their vows at St. Bede Church on September 5th, 1999, where they have resided for 43 years.

It was there they had raised their two children Patricia and John.



A flounder, which has both eyes on one side of its body, lies on the ocean bottom with both eyes facing up.

He will never have true friends who is afraid of making enemies.

—William Hazlitt



From left to right: Dennis Reilly, COO of Little Company; Thomas F. Bridgman, chairman of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation; S. Javed Shirazi, MD, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology; Alfred O'Malley, Co-chair of the "Our work of Love Campaign," which has been instrumental in raising funds for this project; Sister Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, President and CEO of the Hospital; Bishop Gorman; Frank Schaffer, chairman of the Little Company Board of Directors; the Honorable Anthony Vacco, Mayor of Evergreen Park; State Representative James Brosnahan; State Senator Patrick O'Malley; Mary Jo May, executive director of the Little Company of Mary hospital Foundation; and Sister Margaret Christina Hoban, LCM, Vice President of Community Services, and a member of the healthy Evergreen Committee. The Cancer Center is scheduled to open in Fall 2000.

Little Company breaks ground on new cancer center

The Sisters of the Little Company of Mary were joined by administrators, physicians, employees, volunteers and community members at the ground

breaking ceremony for their new Cancer Center building.

Scheduled to open in the Fall of 2000, the Cancer Center will bring together all facets of cancer treatment into a single facility. The center will be a 33,000 sq. ft. addition that will feature treatment areas, conference rooms, a resource library, a renewal spa, a children's play area and much more, reaching out from a two-story window-filled main lobby.

Bishop John R. Gorman officiated at the ceremony. He ended his remarks by praying, "Help us to continue work together with a deepening appreciation of the gifts of each individual and a growing awareness of the strength we draw from sharing those gifts."

Following his remarks, ground was broken by eleven dignitaries representing the broad spectrum of people involved in bringing the Cancer Center to fruition: Sister Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, President and CEO of the Hospital; Thomas F. Bridgman, chairman of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation; Bishop Gorman; Sister Margaret Christina Hoban, LCM, Vice President of

Community Services, and a member of the Healthy Evergreen Committee; State Senator Patrick O'Malley, State Representative James Brosnahan, Mary Jo May, executive director of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation; Alfred O'Malley, Co-chair of the "Our Work of Love Campaign," which has been instrumental in raising funds for this project; Dennis Reilly, COO of Little Company; Frank Schaffer, chairman of the Little Company Board of Directors; S. Javed Shirazi, MD, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology, and the Honorable Anthony Vacco, Mayor of Evergreen Park.

The Cancer Center complements Little Company's recent affiliation with the University of Chicago Hospitals' medical Oncology Group to provide excellence in cancer treatment on Chicago's southwest side.

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Commissioner Majewski was the first woman to ever serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee, which oversees the district's budget and investments. The mother of two daughters and grandmother of two, attended Mundeline College.



NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead
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For September 1999, Psychic Predictions are for all Signs. I use NumAstrology [I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight]! Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Take flight in whatever way you can, and find a place where you can get some peace of mind, more loving, rest or whatever it is that you know inwardly is lacking. Someone R or in the sign of Leo can be a real plus this week. Money comes soon.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: There is no way to tell someone off without hurting their feelings or losing your own dignity. So, do it telepathically, such as sending thoughts about what it is that you would say aloud if you could. This actually works. B and T involved.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You are not alone when it comes to suspicious thinking. You seem ready to confront someone you have been secretly doubting. If you don't, anger may build inside you and make you sick. B and R involved and someone in Capricorn.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: The person you think you are studying [so to speak] is studying you [so to speak]. Why not just come out into the open with what you are wondering about? T and someone in Aquarius to deal with too.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Put an end to those worries and turn them over to the "High Power" you say you believe in. This is a test, a test of your own ability to say what you mean and mean what you say. You'll pass! Be aware however that someone has kept notes. M aids.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: "If you can imagine it, you can see it through to completion," they say. Whatever else you do, if you have a hobby, work at it, if not...find one and work at it. You have some free time anyway, why not enjoy it? Someone A or L involved and a Scorpio.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You can't always be right, or wrong, but there is someone who perhaps thinks that you walk on water... Tell this person that you are only human, lest you set things into motion in your personal life that you may not be able to fulfill day after day.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Ideas come to you and if you can catch them, hold onto them, put them on paper, you just may find out that you are holding a fortune in your hands. See also to important details if meeting with people who want your advice or need your help. A helps.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: The money will find you when you need it the most. But, there is much work to do in setting up your own side-line business or in dealing with other business people who may need your help. P and C involved. Take time out for some fun too. Sleeplessness is a sure sign of the need for finding answers.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

Letter to the Editor

Summer is fast coming to a close; people are planning their time for the fall. We at the Cancer Support Center ask readers to consider including the Center in their plans as a volunteer and or to inform people dealing with cancer about the free programs available at the Center.

We all know cancer is a traumatic diagnosis; over 100,000 in the greater Southland area are affected by it. Learning to live with cancer is difficult, but help is close to home. Research strongly endorses the psychosocial support and educational opportunities offered at the Center, where a safe and welcoming place is available so those affected by cancer can become empowered to enhance the quality of their lives.

We want people to know the Center is accessible to

them, that help is just one phone call away; others who understand are willing to listen; there are people going through similar experiences who can help; professional counseling, programs, support groups, a library, buddies, Internet access and more are available.

If you, or someone you know has cancer, please let them know about the Center. If you have time to volunteer, please call. If your organization is looking for a speaker for a meeting this coming year, please call. Call us at 708/798-9171; fax to 708-798-0052; E-mail us at csc2028@aol.com; look for us soon at www.cancer-supportcenter.com.

Sincerely,
James Lagestee
President,
Board of Directors
Cancer Support Center

Loneliness is topic at St. Fabian Phoenix Group

The St. Fabian Phoenix group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month will feature David Carrillo, LSCW, BCD, on Thursday, September 23. Mr. Carrillo will speak on "Loneliness." David Carrillo is a Psychotherapist and Certified Social Worker in private practice, offering individual, couples and group therapy. He specializes in emotional problems in children and the resultant problems within the family. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923

Lessons Parents Learn

Once again the sound of school bells will announce the return to the classroom for our children. And, once again, they will become students, learning the lessons that will hopefully impart great wisdom upon them. Though it's been long time since we have sat behind a school desk we are now learning probably the most important lessons in the name of parenthood.

For all the magic and joy children bring into our lives, perhaps the most rewarding are the lessons we are taught along the way. Since parents are only human, we also have to learn that we will make mistakes in the process of raising our children. It's easy being a parent when children are young. They look up to us, for in their eyes, mommy and daddy can do anything, which of course, has us feeling honored to be placed in such high regard. Love takes us in a whole new direction, as we learn the importance of selflessly giving of ourselves to these children we've cre-

ated.

When they're babies, we provide the cushion that shields them from the harshness of the outside world. When our toddlers take their first steps, we celebrate their independence. We hold out to them, a steady hand, never to push, but there for support if needed.

As toddler years turn to teen years, parents are faced with a whole new set of lessons to learn. A parent learns what patience is all about, for it takes a world of patience to raise a teenager. Up until now, we were the center of our young child's world. But as parents of teenagers we learn to deal with rejection. Our teens will go out of their way to shut us out, but as our knowledge expands we learn that their rebellion is really a sign that they need our understanding the most. This is a strange time for parents. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were teens ourselves, but in their eyes we are 'old'. We have a tough time coming to terms with the fact that

we've become our parents. There seems to be no wisdom that we can impress them with. But as they start to grow into adults, we learn that they really have been listening after all. It is a wise parent that understands that children grow up much too soon.

Someday the phone will stop ringing off the wall, and it will be the silence that has us cursing. Gone will be the Friday night sleepovers where the giggle of young girls keeps us awake longer than we'd like. Somewhere in our middle-age years, our children grow into lives of their own, leaving us with the precious memories of their youth. As we guide our children down the path of life, it is the parent who gives of their heart, who will find the end of the road paved in gold.

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Moraine Valley participates in Job Shadowing Program

The Moraine Valley Community College education-to-Careers Partnership recently provided opportunities for local teachers to job shadow different career areas in order to more effectively guide students in career choices.

Seven businesses participated in the program that allowed 21 teachers from the Moraine Area region to learn more about banking, health care, hospitality, manufacturing, and publishing.

The teachers developed lesson plans from their experiences to use in their classrooms, and shared their experiences and plans with the group.

Businesses participating in the job shadowing included: Palos Bank, Founders Bank, LaSalle Bank, Little Company of Mary Hospital, Georgios Banquet and Conference Center, Pulver Industries, and Midwest Publishing.

Oak Lawn High School welcomes new principal

Dr. Catherine Fronczak has been named principal of Oak Lawn Community High School. She comes from Oak Forest High School where she served as Assistant Principal with responsibilities including supervision of instruction, Activities Director, and Public Relations.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Barat College in Lake Forest in French, a master's degree from Chicago State University with a major in communications media and her doctorate

from Vanderbilt University in educational leadership.

Dr. Fronczak says, "I'm honored to lead a group of teachers and students so dedicated to learning."

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Public-Private partnership to strengthen Chicagoland economy

With start-up funding provided by the Cook County Board, a new regional economic development organization is now open for business. Chicago-Cook Partners, Inc. will fill an important need in the Chicagoland area's economic development efforts by serving the entire region.

Headed by longtime Cook County Economic Development Advisory Committee Chairman and former Unicom Executive Donald A. Petkus, Chicago-Cook Partners (CCP) plans a proactive program designed to strengthen the regional economy and improve competitiveness especially in pockets of need.

"Chicago-Cook Partners will advocate policies and projects that will help ensure the continued economic health of the county as well as work directly with businesses evaluating investment opportunities and challenges," said Petkus, president of CCP.

An initial objective of CCP will be to earn support from mayors and other municipal representatives throughout Cook County. Many of the 130 Cook County mayors signed a letter to County Board President John Stroger earlier this year encouraging his regional economic development approach.

As a public-private sector membership organization, CCP will have an agenda based on a bottom up approach. The organization is committed to avoiding duplication of services with existing economic development organizations and anticipates working with them on business retention and expansion projects, and advocacy of economic development initiatives at the state, county and local levels. Independently, CCP will concentrate one establishing a vibrant image for Cook County locally, nationally and globally, marketing the region's opportunities for business growth, and act as

an ombudsman on economic development matters.

Chicago-Cook Partners, Inc. is a not-for-profit public-private partnership that serves as the regional economic development organization for Cook County. It is headquartered at 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1422. For further information regarding CCP, call 312/603-0140 or fax 312/603-9803.

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American Heart Association urges citizens to learn CPR

This year alone, an estimated 1,100,000 Americans will suffer a coronary event. At least 250,000 of them will die within one hour of the onset of symptoms and before they ever reach a hospital.

In an effort to promote and increase lay cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, the American Heart Association and the Chicago Fire Department has declared the fourth weekend in September as "Mass CPR Weekend" and is sponsoring a CPR Learn-a-Thon event in Chicago on Sunday, September 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Van Buren.

The Chicago CPR Learn-a-Thon is designed as a basic course for lay persons wishing to learn CPR. Although participants completing CPR training will receive a "Heartsaver" card from the American Heart Association, the training session is not for individuals seeking professional certification.

CPR is a vital link in the

chain of survival, which is a four-step process for providing quick treatment that may determine whether a person lives or dies from sudden cardiac arrest. When performed properly and promptly, CPR can prevent brain injury or death due to lack of oxygen and add critical minutes to the time a person experiencing cardiac arrest can survive until defibrillation (delivering an electric shock to the heart) arrives.

In cases across the country, bystander CPR has been shown to have a significant and positive effect on the chances of survival. The more Americans who recognize the importance of CPR and take courses to learn how to administer CPR, the better the chances are that someone who is experiencing cardiac arrest will survive.

Preregistration for the free Chicago CPR Learn-a-Thon is required and limited to the first 1,000 participants. To register call 1-888-CPR-LINE.

McAuley Fall Frolic

Mother McAuley High School will hold the "Fall Frolic" on Friday, September 17 from 7 - 10 p.m. The mixer is for Mother McAuley students and boys from the neighboring Catholic High Schools. Students must arrive by 7:30 p.m.

McAuley's Mercy Corps members sponsor and host the Freshman/Sophomore mixer. The monies collected fund transportation for McAuley students to service project sites that include Misericordia Family Fest, homeless shelters and schools for underprivileged children. Admission is \$5 and a high school ID is required. For more information, call Miss Bigane, the Freshman Dean, at 773/881-6510.

Library display for September

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an informational exhibit

Free prostate cancer screenings at Christ Hospital

Prostate cancer is now the most common form of cancer diagnosed in American men, yet many are not undergoing regular screenings for the disease. Doctors at Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., are encouraging men to take advantage of free prostate cancer screenings to be offered at the hospital Thursday, September 16.

The screening, performed by a urologist and phleboto-mist, consists of two exams that take about one minute each to perform. The combination of the two tests, a digital rectal exam (DE) and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test, can detect prostate cancer at an early age.

Registration is open to men ages 50 to 75, or high-risk men ages 40 to 75. The screenings are not for second opinions, confirmatory PSAs, or for men currently under a urologist's care.

Appointments will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. in the

hospital's Adult Medicine Center on the first floor. Registration is required because appointments are limited. To register, call Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

The American Cancer Society and Prostate Cancer Education Council, which cosponsor Prostate Cancer Awareness Week September 20-24, recommend that all men ages 50 to 75 be tested annually for prostate cancer. High-risk men, including African-Americans and those with a family history of the disease, should start annual screenings at age 40.

Approximately 334,500 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year. Patients diagnosed in the early stages, while the cancer is still localized, have a 99 percent chance of surviving five years or more.

There are usually no symptoms in early prostate cancer. Screenings have

proven to be the only reliable method of identifying the disease in its curable stages.

However, the following may be indications of a serious prostate problem: weak or interrupted urine flow; inability to urinate or difficulty stopping or starting urine flow; the need to urinate frequently, especially at night; blood in the urine or semen; burning or pain when urinating; and continuing pain in the lower back, pelvis or upper thighs.

Although more than 500,000 men are expected to be screened during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, this represents only 1.5 percent of American males over age 50, all of whom should be regularly screened for the disease.

For more information about prostate cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or the American Foundation for Urologic Disease at 1-800-822-5277.

from St. Gerald School and an exhibit of personalized name pictures in their first floor community display cases throughout the month of September.

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Moraine Valley to offer new dental classes

Moraine Valley Community College is offering new continuing education classes for dental staff this fall.

Introduction to Dental Radiography will cover how to take, develop, mount, and label full mouth sets for X-rays. This course will involve four hours of lecture and four hours of clinical instruction. The lecture portion of this class will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the college's Center for Contemporary Technology, Room 706, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. The clinical portion of this class will meet on Friday, Sept. 10, from 8 a.m. to noon or 4 to 8 p.m. at an off-campus dental office located at 4934 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. The cost of this class is \$265.

Alginate Impressions and Study Models will cover how to take alginate impressions for study models including proper procedures for

pour and mount impressions using bite registrations. This class will meet Wednesday, September 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. at an off-campus dental office located at 4233 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. The cost of this class is \$150.

Fabrication of Temporary Crowns and Bridges is designed for dental assistants and will cover how to make temporaries using SNAP and other new materials. Prerequisites include completion of Alginate Impressions and Study Models or two years of clinical experience. This class meets Saturday, Sept. 25, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4 to 9 p.m. at an off-campus dental office located at 4233 W. 95th St., in Oak Lawn. The cost of this class is \$155.

Maintaining Proper Dental Records will cover proper procedures for maintaining a patient's record and reduce the legal risks for a dentist. Topics include charting of

periodontal status restorations. This class will meet on Friday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon in the College Center, Moraine Room 2, on campus. The cost for this class is \$155.

OSHA Hazard Communication Rule Compliance for Dental Professionals will outline the regulations necessary to comply with OSHA's hazardous Communications Rule and associated waste regulations. Topics include proper documentation and development of checklists. This class will meet on Friday, Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 to 5 p.m. in the Center for Contemporary Technology, Room 706.

For more information about these classes call 708/974-5747. To register, call 708/974-2110. Students can also register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office, located in the College Center.

Daley graduate joins faculty

West Lawn resident Maria Hosty will be joining the Daley College as a full-time faculty member in the Department of English and Speech, where she has taught as an adjunct instructor for the past two years. "I've seen her work miracles with our students," said Professor James Kozicki, Chairman of the English and Speech Department at Daley College. "She's full of energy and creativity in the classroom. That she is from our community, a graduate of Daley College, and a former student leader gives this appointment a romantic twist," he noted. "Not only is this 'local-girl-makes-good,' it's 'student takes over!'"

Hosty, who has been active in school and community affairs in West Lawn, completed her A.A. at Daley College in 1995. She subsequently earned a bachelor's degree and a masters in communication studies from Governors State University. While at Daley, Ms. Hosty served as the vice president of the student government association. In 1997, Daley College nominated her for the Illinois Community College Trustee's Association

Pacesetter Award. At Governors State University, Hosty was president of the Association for Women in Communication. Her teaching experience includes service both at Daley and Moraine Valley.

Ms. Hosty has been active in the Richard H. Lee School, where she was on the local school council, treasurer of the Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO), and a translator for the Polish speaking families of the community. While holding these positions, she was instrumental in bringing programs to the school to support parent involvement. Ms. Hosty and her husband, John Hosty Jr., live in West Lawn with their three children, John III (8), Lauren (5), and Mark (3). "I'm very excited about this opportunity," said Hosty. "I've been given a wonderful chance to make a contribution to my community, and I can't wait for the fall semester to begin." Ms. Hosty will be teaching day and evening classes. Fall semester classes at Daley College begin on August 23rd. Registration is now in progress. For information, call (773) 838-7500.

McAuley freshman parents "Back to School Night"

Thursday, September 9, parents of the freshman class of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 W. 99th Street in Chicago, are invited to attend an information sharing session followed by an opportunity to participate in their daughters' scheduled classes.

Members of Administration will inform parents of what is expected of their daughters as members of the McAuley Community. Officers of the Mothers and Fathers Club will invite them to become involved as parents, especially through membership. Freshman parents will follow their

daughter's daily schedules of classes and have an opportunity to meet their daughter's teachers and learn about her classes and her teachers' expectations. Parents can also meet guidance counselors and members of the administration.

The Mother McAuley Mothers Club will provide refreshments for the parents during their daughters' lunch periods.

St. Rita to sponsor "Join the Band" Day

The St. Rita of Cascia High School Marching Mustangs will host a "Join the Band" Day on Saturday, September 11, 1999. Grammar school students from all over the Chicagoland area



Crescendo presents fall program

The Crescendo Musical Club of Beverly will present its fall program at the Vanderpoel Gallery in the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 19.

The program will feature three accomplished musicians: Kit Bridges, pianist, Soprano Melanie Collman, and baritone Scott Baeseman.

The tea to follow will be in honor of the club's past presidents, among whom are Shirley Stucker, Betty Smith, Ruth Connor, Margaret Weiss, Shirley Swanson, Dorothy Pierson, Adaline Donnevick, and Sylvia Marich.

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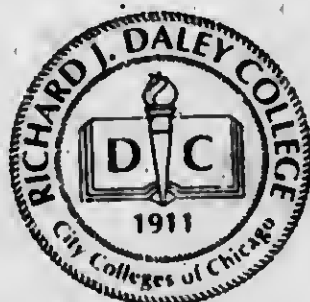
are invited to come out and march with the band. Students attending will receive music to play, marching instruction, lunch, and a St. Rita t-shirt. Those wishing to attend are requested to arrive at the St. Rita band room at 7740 S. Western Ave. at 10 a.m. The students will spend the day with St. Rita staff and students, and then perform for the football game against Providence Catholic High School, held at St. Rita's Doyle Stadium. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Cindy Gradek or Jodi McLawhorn at the St. Rita Band Room Office, 773/476-8009.

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Such a wonderful sight of summer it is to watch these budding little athletes perfect their skills, even though they don't seem old enough to play. We found ourselves crossing our fingers and anxiously cheering on these tiny champions at the end of season all star games. We lit up the sky with fireworks as the fourth of July was celebrated in backyards across the country. Though temperatures still hover above 90 degrees, keeping swimming pools filled with water logged children, we know these lazy days are slipping away.

All good things must come to an end and summer is no exception. It is time for a change. Parents are anxious to get settled into more of a routine, and though they don't like to admit it, our sun-weary kids are also ready for a change. We look ahead to the upcoming season with anticipation of what memories they'll hold.

We know it won't be long and the buds of spring will bloom into the beauty of summer once again. Soon a soft summer's breeze will turn into the chill of autumn. We say good-bye to summer as parents everywhere unite in one thought - Let Those School Bells Ring!

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Letter to the Editor

There is good news for Illinois first-time home buyers and existing homeowners with the recent passage of Illinois Senate Bill 445, which provides consumer protections and safeguards during home mortgage lending process by requiring the completion of educational programs by mortgage industry professionals.

Initiated by the Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers (IAMB), Senate Bill 445 requires that mortgage lending professionals complete an educational program prior to obtaining state licensure. The bill is an amendment to the 1987 Residential Mortgage License Act and states that mortgage license applicants with less than three years of experience must complete education in real estate finance or fair lending before a license will be issued. Previously, applicants had a

nine-month period after the license was issued to complete this education.

Currently in Illinois, mortgage brokers originate over 60% of residential home loans. This new legislation, sponsored by Sen. Robert S. Molaro, and supported by the Office of Banks and Real Estate and the Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association, promises to benefit Illinois homeowners by perpetuating the climate of trust and professionalism they have enjoyed in recent years.

Due to low interest rates and a robust economy, the mortgage broker industry has experienced exponential growth during the past ten years. The IAMB recognizes that this growth requires an aggressive strategy of self-regulation and we have taken a proactive approach in working with the State Legislature to mandate edu-

cation prior to licensure. This legislation assures consumers that mortgage brokers and loan officers they deal with are consistently trained in a professional manner.

One of the leaders in implementing this new education initiative is the Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers Educational Foundation (IAMB EF) which provides educational programs in areas including financing and closing costs regulation, fair lending and ethics. The IAMB EF also offers a comprehensive training program for professional designation, the Certified Residential Mortgage Specialist (CRMS), which utilizes a variety of courses to address the mortgage lending process and issues affecting both the industry and the individual.

The Illinois Association of

Mortgage Brokers was chartered in 1987 to unite the interest of its members to meet the challenge of regulatory, technological and competitive change in the evolving mortgage broker industry. The IAMB represents more than 600 member companies and has been instrumental in working with the State Legislature and Congress on critical issues affecting consumers and industry professionals. The IAMB is recognized as a resource and leader in education programs and certification. For more information about IAMB, visit our website at www.iamb.org or call (630) 916-7720.

Sincerely,
Phillip Siebert,
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NEWS OF PETS

Dog Saves The Day And Wins Award

(NAPS)—Forty-four heroes honored for saving children from drowning, rescuing people from burning buildings, and stopping armed robbers in their tracks all have one thing in common—they're dogs.

Proving that a dog's life is often an honorable one, these courageous canines have saved more than 80 children and adults, earning them the distinction of The Dog Hero of the Year award.

The most recent hero in this group is Sadie, a three-year-old English Setter from Bethpage, Tenn. Recently named the Skippy Dog Hero of the Year, Sadie earned this honor by rescuing her owner, Michael Miller. The pair had gone hunting and after about one-third of a mile, Miller, 36, was struck with a heart attack.

Sadie, only 45 pounds, dragged the 180-pound Miller back to his house, where his wife called for an ambulance. Miller had to undergo emergency triple bypass surgery. "I would never have made it on my own, and it's amazing she was able to drag me back to the house," said Miller.

If you know a courageous dog that deserves distinction for a brave act, you may want to nominate that dog for the 45th Annual Skippy Dog Hero Award.

To nominate a dog, send a detailed description of the heroic act along with your name, address and phone number to Skippy Dog Hero Contest, Heinz Pet Products, One Riverfront Place, Newport, KY 41071 or send an



Sadie won the distinction of Dog Hero of the Year for saving her owner, Michael Miller.

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Father Dimitri Sala

Father Sala speaks as Aglow meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, September 9 at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall, 6254 W. 111th St. in Chicago Ridge.

Father Dimitri Sala, a Franciscan Friar, presently based in Chicago, will be the returning speaker. He has conducted many retreats, days of recollection, parish missions, healing services and has initiated a street ministry.

He was published in the *Emmanuel Magazine* and has written a *Liguori* pamphlet. His dynamic person-

ality and strong presence of the Holy Spirit are evident as you and your friends join in listening to his spiritual message. This is one speaker you'll never forget!

Dinner tickets are \$12.00, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 p.m. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.



Children's Clothing Resale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will hold their Annual Fall and Winter Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available) on Saturday, September 18, from 9 a.m. - noon. Clothes baskets are encouraged for shoppers. Absolutely no children/strollers allowed until after 11 a.m. For more information call 708/599-4025.

The Foreigner visits Drury Lane Oakbrook

Something funny is going to happen at Drury Lane Oakbrook - *The Foreigner* is playing through October 3. A comedy by the late Larry Shue, the laughs evolve from situations, characters, clever dialog and good comic acting. Directing the mayhem will be Drury Lane Oakbrook's Artistic Director Ray Frewen who appeared in this same comedy when it originally played Off-Broadway.

The story revolves around Charlie, a pathologically shy Englishman seeking solace from a miserable marriage. A well-meaning buddy escorts him to a Georgia fishing lodge and persuades the locals that he neither speaks nor understands English. He then proceeds to get involved in preposterous goings-on which involve shady dealings and equally shady characters. Charlie foils the bad guys and finds a new romance in the bargain.

Starring as the shy Charlie will be Paul Slade Smith, who last appeared at Drury Lane Oakbrook as Max in the comedy "Lend Me A Tenor." Lolly Trauscht plays Betty Meeks, the owner of the remote Georgia fishing lodge and David Lively is "Froggy" LeSueur, Charlie's well-meaning friend. Rounding out the cast of seven will be Tom Daugherty as Reverend David Marshall Lee, Erin Grennan as Catherine Simms, Dan Allar as Owen Musser and Derek Hasenstab as Ellard Simms.

The performance schedule is as follows: Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Individual ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 and dinner/show packages range from \$31.50 to \$39.75. Tickets for *The Foreigner* are available at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Box Office window or by calling the Box Office at 630-530-0111. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster outlets and TicketMaster phone charge 312/902-1500. Student prices are available for all shows. For group sales call 630-530-8300.

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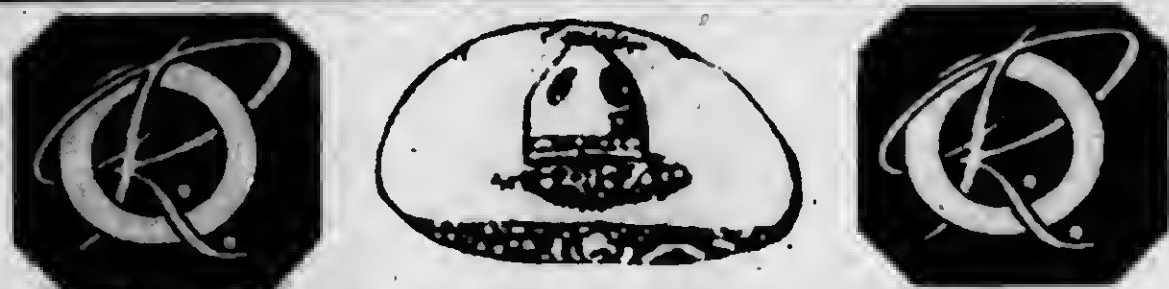
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After a decade of bringing quality theatre to Chicago audiences, Martinez has triple billing as producer, writer and director of this exciting original compilation, show casing music from stage, radio and motion pictures. The show unfolds

chronologically as a visual storyboard, tracking the technological progression of entertainment. Simultaneously audiences view the historical advancements of the media, ranging from newspapers to the Internet.

Pheasant Run Theatre's production of "The Best of the 20th Century Cabaret" is running September 11th through December 31. Dinner and theatre times are as follows: Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. (dinner)/8:15 p.m. (performance); Saturdays at 4:00/5:15 p.m. or 8:30/9:45 p.m. and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (Sunday Brunch)/2:15 p.m. or 5:45/7:00 p.m. Dinner theater tickets start at \$38; show only tickets start at \$20. September 11th there is a special opening night 7 p.m./8:15 p.m./dinner and show command performance - seating is limited. Group,

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Forum casting call

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its upcoming production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Auditions will be held at the Oakview Center - 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, Sept. 14, and Thursday, Sept. 16, from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Call backs, if necessary, will take place Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Inspiring performers are encouraged to attend to be a part of south-suburban community theater at its finest, says Julie Ryan, Oak Lawn Park District's superintendent of special services. The theatre group's last production, "Grease," sold out seven performances in August.

For Forum, Producer Frank Fett and Director Gerry Deder are looking for a cast of 40 adults (18 and

older) with singing and dancing talents. Interested participants should come prepared to the auditions ready to sing a song from the play and dance in proper attire. The musical's executive producer will be Paul Nirchi, the choreographer will be Charlie Misovye, the musical director will be Marty Rowsey, the assistant director will be Erica Altman, the conductor will be Bill Hansen the set designer will be Gil Oliva.

After casting and a few months of rehearsals, the musical - featuring music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim - will be performed Nov. 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 14 and 21 at 3 p.m. at the Oakview Center.

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Marine Pfc. Joseph S. Stekala, son of Stanley Stekala of Oak Lawn, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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Navy Seaman Apprentice Carl A. Sabourin, daughter of Patricia A. Jasper of Bridgeview, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

She is a 1997 graduate of Willowbrook High School of Villa Park, IL.

Raymond A. Metzger II, son of Raymond F. Metzger of Oak Lawn, has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Ky.

The cadet is a student at Marion Military Institute, Ala.

He is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Anthony W. Hill, son of Nina M. Reid of Evergreen Park, recently departed the Arabian Gulf while on a

five-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, based in Yokosuka, Japan.

He joined the Navy in May 1980.

Navy Airman Apprentice Daniel J. Corrigan, son of Daniel J. Corrigan of Evergreen Park, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Strike Fighter Squadron 131, Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.

The 1996 graduate of Lane Technical High School of Chicago, joined the Navy in October 1997.

Navy Seaman Raymond P. Wnek, son of Irene J. Wnek of Chicago, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Brian J. Wisinski, a 1997 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank, was recently promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

St. Spyridon golf outing

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church will host its third Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, September 22, at Glencoe Country Club, 13070 McCarthy Road, Lemont, IL. Shotgun tee off is at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$125.00 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, refreshments and beverages, full dinner and more. If you are unable to attend but wish to support this event, sponsorship of holes is available. For information call the church office at 708/385-2311.

St. Denis holds garage sale

St. Denis, 8301 S. St. Louis, will hold its annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, September 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the school grounds. Space rental is \$10.00 payable to St. Denis Parish. Bring your own table and chair(s). For more information, call Betty after 6 p.m. at 708/925-9222.



Beverly Art Center builds towards new building

The Beverly Art Center (BAC) is experiencing a growth spurt! Twenty-three new classes, plus new performances, exhibitions and special events have been included in a fall schedule brimming with creative energy and imaginative ideas. The BAC has just wrapped up a successful nine-week Summer Arts Camp, and the message is full speed ahead for the fall.

Saturday Art Jam (have a blast bubble painting, paper marbling, and other groovy projects), Side-by-Side art class for parents (or grandparents) and kids together, and 3-D with Dessa for 7th and 8th graders are among new visual arts classes for children. Adults' teens art offerings have more than tripled in number with new courses in Great Art and Great Artists, Art from Many Cultures, Woodcarving Made Easy, Creative Clay and a 2-Day Mobiles Workshop.

BAC program director Christina Adachi says that, "Among the most intriguing additions are Saturday afternoon Family Art Workshops on topics ranging from the fascinating Mexican holiday 'Dia de Los Muertos' - Day of the Dead (Oct. 20) to Edible Art - Paint a Cake! (Nov. 20) and Deck the Halls Holiday Art Crafts (Dec. 11)."

BAC's dance program has been expanded to include

modern, African, disco, and other pop dances, and Tai Chi, along with ballet, jazz, creative movement, pre-school and Intro to Dance, and an exciting addition to the music program is the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras (CYSO).

Children's theater classes now encompass Acting Games, Acting 1: The Nuts and Bolts of Acting, and a 3-part, fall through spring, All-Children's Theater (ACT Workshop culminating in a main stage musical theater production in May (the production under consideration is "Oliver!"). New adult/teens courses include Acting 1 for Adults, Dramatic Writing for Adults, Dramatic Writing for High School Students, and a teen improv workshop taught by Second City alumnus Tim O'Malley. O'Malley is one of 16 new instructors who have joined the BAC's faculty in the last few months.

Adachi also expressed excitement about the new "First Look Fridays," after work art openings that kick off on Friday, September 17, 6 - 9 p.m., with a first look at an eclectic group show featuring paintings by Berthold Boone, Tim Collins and Michael Milosvich, photographs by Stuart Huck; a live performance by Salaam Middle Eastern Band with dancer Katya Faris; food and drink. The event is

free courtesy of St. Paul Federal Bank. The 23rd annual Baer Art Competition, open to all artists within a 100-mile radius of Chicago, will open with an Awards Ceremony and Opening Night Party on Friday, Dec. 10 (call BAC for application; entry deadline Nov. 1). BAC's new After School Arts Program (Mondays through Fridays, 2:30 - 6 p.m., for arts-oriented children grades 1-6 enrolled in a minimum of one fall session BAC art, dance or theater class) is scheduled to begin Sept. 7.

BAC is certainly living up to its name: "Beverly Art Center - A Lively Place for the Arts!" BAC's Fall Session begins Sept. 7. For more information or a free catalog of all classes and events, stop by the BAC building at 2153 W. 111th Street or call (773) 445-3838.

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The Evergreen Park chapter of the American Cancer Society made a generous donation to Little Company's Our Work of Love Campaign, at the ground breaking ceremony for the Little Company of Mary Hospital Cancer Center on Tuesday, August 10. The campaign is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for the Center.

The funds were raised at the Sponge Toss Booth at the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce Day in the Park event. Present at the presentation were: Mary Jo May, executive director of the

Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation; Sister Margaret Christina Hoban, LCM, vice president of Community Services, and a member of the Cancer Society; Laura Shallow, representing the American Cancer Society; and Dennis Day, vice president, Clinical and Support Services and past president of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce.

Sister Margaret, Ms. May and Mr. Day all took turns in the Sponge Toss Booth, to show their support of both the Cancer Center and the Day in the Park event.

Post 2255 celebrates 100 years

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255, 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue will be hosting the 100th Year Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the

United States. The Post and the Auxiliary of Post 2255 will like to invite the members of the surrounding areas to help celebrate this occasion by joining them on this day. Refreshments, music, information and a time for fun will take place. For more information call 708/636-3220.

Women and stress

The Palos-Orland Business and Professional Women's Club cordially invites all working women to attend its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at Mama Vesuvio East, 6861 College Drive, Palos Heights at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) with a 7:30 p.m. presentation. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Whether at home or in the workplace, women are suffering the effects of stress in their hectic lifestyles. Guest speaker, Carol DeLucia, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker will present a workshop to show how you can effectively deal with the stresses in your life that you cannot eliminate. Using a variety of techniques, you can maintain your stress levels while carrying on with the many roles in your life.

Reservations for dinner can be made by calling Miriam Wallace at 708/598-6866; for membership information call Carole Valentino at 708/974-1102.



Mayor Kolb honored

On August 17th, a semi-annual fund raiser was held for Mayor Ernie Kolb and his coalition party. It was held at Palermo's Restaurant. A capacity crowd was on hand with many dignitaries from government, business, labor, civic organizations and other groups. Pictured front the left is Senator Patrick O'Malley, 18th District; Judge Peter Flynn, Circuit Court of Cook County; State Representative, Ann Zickus; Mayor Kolb; and Dan Hynes, Illinois State Comptroller.

Illinois State Police, UPS deliver food

Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan received a carload of food from the Illinois

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Federal Labor Policy: Is the Fog Lifting?

By Reed Larson

For more than six decades, Congress tried to hide its central role in creating the problem of compulsory unionism in the 1935 National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) and denied it had any responsibility to correct its mistake.

But on this labor Day weekend, with the Twentieth Century drawing to a close, the fog appears to be lifting on Capitol Hill.

U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-Mich.), chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee's oversight panel, has expressed interest in launching a reexamination of federally-imposed compulsory unionism in his chamber.

Acting at Mr. Hoekstra's request, National Right to Work committee representatives are now assembling evidence and a witness list for a possible House panel hearing on forced union dues and the problems associated with them.

I am confident that a hearing like the one now being considered would help mobilize the already widespread public support for removing the NLRA and Rail-

way Labor Act (RLA) provisions that authorize the firing of workers for refusal to pay dues or so-called "agency fees" to a union.

Currently, under these two laws eight million American workers must fork over to Big Labor an average of more than \$600 apiece every year simply to keep their jobs.

The fact is, poll after poll shows that nearly 80% of citizens agree no employee should be forced to affiliate with a union. For decades, Big Labor has understood that forced unionism is politically indefensible and made only sporadic, pro forma efforts to justify it in principle.

Nonetheless, over the years many elected officials who have been the union bosses' targets, including generations of leaders of the Republican Party in Congress, have lacked the political will to attack this Achilles' heel.

Time and time again, members of Congress have complained about union officials' use of billions of dollars in compulsory dues

money for partisan politicking — without acknowledging that it was Congress that put the money in union political operatives' hands.

Fortunately, Mr. Hoekstra's evident interest in holding a hearing on forced unionism isn't the only recent sign that the House may at last be ready for a real debate over this issue.

When Congress' late-summer recess began last month, 128 House members, including well over half the GOP caucus, had already sponsored a bill, authored by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), that would repeal federally-imposed forced union dues.

Moreover, nearly 40 of these members had already written House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) to urge him to bring Mr. Goodlatte's National Right to Work Act to the floor for a recorded vote.

And during a heart-to-heart talk in June with representatives of grass-roots groups in Washington, D.C., Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas) stressed the need for opponents of the pro-

forced unionism Clinton Administration to "mature issues and break out of the fog."

That is precisely why Right to Work members around the country are eager for the entire House to vote on the Right to Work Bill as soon as possible, even though, because of Big Labor's forced dues-fed clout in Congress, it will be an uphill battle to pass the bill this year or next.

No major change happens overnight. The Reagan-era tax cuts and tax indexation and the welfare reform of 1996 are examples of efforts that took years to come to fruition.

But a vote on the Goodlatte bill now would at a minimum break up the Inside-the-Beltway "fog" that impedes pro-Right to Work constituents' efforts to find out where their elected officials stand.

And Mr. Hoekstra and his oversight panel can help by exposing the flimsiness of the rationale, offered by many union-label congressmen, that workers are forced to pay dues "for their own good."

Millions of American workers are not helped, but seriously harmed, when Congress forces them to accept a union as their so-called "exclusive representa-

tive" and to bankroll it.

For example, according to LRA's Economic Notes, a newsletter put out by a New York-based consulting firm whose client list includes many union officials, last year Big Labor — "represented" manufacturing workers were nearly four times as likely to be laid off as self-represented manufacturing workers.

The best person to judge whether union activities benefit an individual worker is the worker himself — and federal law ought to reflect that fact.

Most Americans have recognized this for a long time. The good news this Labor Day is that Congress may finally be about to catch up.

Reed Larson is president of the National Right to Work Committee, a 2.2 million-member citizens' group based in Springfield, Va.

Palos Hills Park Department

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Cuneo Museum & Quig's Apple Orchard - The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to the Cuneo Museum followed by lunch, a hayride and apple picking at the Quig's Apple Orchard. The trip leaves Tuesday, September 21 at 8:15 a.m. from the park department. Fee for residents are \$35.00, nonresidents are \$40. Register at the park department.

Geneva Lake Cruise - The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to Lake Geneva on Wednesday, September 29. Departure from

the park department at 8:45 a.m. Fee for residents are \$36.00 and nonresidents are \$41.00 (includes transportation, narrated lake cruise with ice cream sundae). Register at the park department.


Mystery Trip II - The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering yet another trip on a coach bus to a mystery destination, which will include lunch on Wednesday, September 8. The bus will depart from the park department at 9 a.m. The fee for residents is \$39.00, nonresidents is \$39.00. Register at the park department.

Fall Registration - registration began on August 23 with mail-in or drop-off processing for residents only and on August 30 for nonresidents and walk-up registrants. A variety of new programs are being offered for all ages and interests, as well as field trips and special events. The fall brochures are now available at the park department.

Augustinian Youth Conference

St. Rita Pastoral Director Fr. Tom McCarthy and faculty members attended the 1999 National Augustinian Youth Leadership Conference.

The delegation from St. Rita, along with representatives from other Augustinian schools across the country, spent four days learning about St. Augustine and his teachings through workshops, worship, and social activities. The group is looking forward to attending the World Youth Conference in Rome in 2000.



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This unique program is more than just talk - the focus is on results. The two-hour group sessions begin and end with evaluations and medical screenings that offer tangible measures of the progress toward a healthier, smoke-free lifestyle.

Cost for the four-week program is \$50 per person, payable at the end of the first session. The program will continue at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, September 23 through October 14. To register for the free introductory session or for more information about the program, contact Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE.

Senior Law enforcement in Palos Hills

The Cook County Sheriff's Office brings the first session of the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy to the Timbers in Palos, 8211 Chestnut, in Palos Hills beginning September 15. Sponsored by Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan, the academy classes are held on Wednesday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., through November 3. The first session gives an overview of the Sheriff's Office, police jurisdictions, and a history of law enforcement. All Cook County senior citizens are encouraged to attend these important meetings. To register or receive more information about this free program, please call 773/869-7725.



The Boy Scout movement was founded by Lord Baden-Powell of England. His army experiences convinced him that British boys needed more physical training and experiences in outdoor life.

Celebrate "New Year's eve at noon"

Plan to celebrate the Millennium at the Martinique's "New Year Eve at Noon" Party. The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services will also be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the OCS Department on Friday, December 31 (12 - 4 p.m.) The cost is \$45, which includes dinner, dancing, and entertainment provided by the King of Comedy, Chuck Salvo.

Tickets are available for this event at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street. Get your friends together for the party of the century. For every 19 tickets sold, you receive one complimentary ticket.

Grand Opening celebration for new Marquette Financial Center

Marquette National Bank has begun a Grand Opening Celebration for the month of August for its state-of-the-art, automated Marquette Financial Center located near Walgreens in the Evergreen Plaza. At Marquette Financial Center, mall visitors can have the ultimate cash convenient experience.

The Financial Center has the first-ever in the U.S., automated Merchant Processing Center where merchants can purchase their cash and rolled coin. In addition, deposits can be made at the merchant unit. During the Grand Opening, Marquette Financial Sales Representatives will be giving a 5-minute demonstration on the operation of the units. Merchants can receive a free gift for viewing the demonstration.

In addition to the Merchant Processing Center, the bank has installed a Mr. Payroll Check-Cashing ma-

chine. Mr. Payroll Check-Cashing Machine has the ability to cash payroll, government or personal checks for anyone, with or without a bank account. For first-time users of the Mr. Payroll Check-Cashing Machine, a biometric device captures a facial image of the check-cashing consumer at the time of enrollment, creating a digital template that is used to verify the consumer's identity the next time he or she cashes a check. The system automatically compares subsequent images of the consumer with the stored template. If a match exists, the transaction proceeds. The first 100 consumers who register with Mr. Payroll will receive a free gift.

There are three new ATMs in Marquette Financial Center that currently allow consumers to get cash, make a deposit or check on an account balance. In the future, these ATMs will also be able

to dispense postage stamps, special discount coupons and more. Marquette is giving a free gift to the first 300 users of the new ATM units.

When merchants or consumers visit Marquette Financial Center during the grand opening, they can enter a Grand Opening Prize Drawing for a deluxe gas grill, one of two \$100 gift certificates for Evergreen Plaza or one of five \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds.

"Marquette has created a center that serves multiple needs for consumers and merchants in a mall environment. That puts Marquette Financial Center in a position to be the place to stop for cash to go," said Sandra Turner, Sales team leader. For additional information, contact Sandra Turner at 1-888-254-9500; visit the website at www.marquettenad.com; or stop by any of the 17 Marquette locations.

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Seniors Ask

By Margo E. Schreiber, Director, Illinois Department on Aging

Question: In your last column, you talked about adult day facilities. I'm wondering if this might be something that I should look into for my 86 year old mother. I work full time, and up to now I haven't worried about her being alone during the day. Lately, however, she seems a little confused at times. It makes me nervous to leave her by herself, so I often take time off for work to check up on her. As you can imagine, it's really hard for me to stay focused on my job, since I feel guilty about leaving mom alone. What else can you tell me about adult day services?

Answer: Adult day service is designed especially for older people who want to remain in the community, but who cannot be home alone during the day due to a physical, social and/or mental impairment. The Illinois Department on Aging funds more than 80 adult day service centers across the state. Some of those centers are stand-alone facilities, while others are connected to a hospital, nursing home,

church, or other community building.

Adult day services offer older persons the opportunity to interact with other people in a supervised setting outside their home. Services could include social activities, as well as counseling, medication monitoring, and physical therapy. Usually, older people who participate in adult day services spend several hours day at the facility, and transportation service to and from the facility is provided.

An older person may want to participate in adult day service five days a week, or perhaps two or three days is all that is needed. A local case manager will help families decide what care plan is most appropriate.

Adult day services are often considered when an older person has some form of dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease. Specialized programming often helps reduce anxiety often experienced by dementia patients.

I always like to point out that adult day services are just as helpful to family

members as they are to older people themselves. You sound like you are fairly stressed about your mother's well being, and you might find it difficult to concentrate on work. Knowing that your mother is in a safe, supervised setting will probably ease your anxiety and help you focus on your job.

As for the cost of adult day services, the average is about \$35 to \$40 a day. If your mother qualifies for the Community Care Program, that cost may be covered, however. In order to qualify for Community Care, an individual must be a least 60, be an Illinois resident and U.S. citizen or legal alien, be in physical need of the service, and have an asset level of under \$10,000 (does not include home, car or personal furnishings). Depending on an individual's income level, a cost share might be applicable.

Many communities are recognizing the merits of adult day services and are supporting the idea of one central location where the frail and vulnerable elderly can gather for social and re-

habilitative programs. Adult day service is an important alternative to institutionalization and can provide and promote independence and self-esteem of older people.

To find out if adult day services are available in your community, call the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY). HelpLine staff can also let you know how to make contact with a local case manager who can talk to you not only about adult day services, but other care options, as well. And one last reminder. I know you are truly concerned about providing the best possible care for your mother, but please remember to take care of yourself, too.

Further information about programs and services available for older persons and their families may be obtained by writing to

"Seniors Ask"
c/o Margo Schreiber
Illinois Department
on Aging
421 E. Capitol, #100
Springfield, IL
62701-1789

U.S. Coast Guard helicopter arrives at Expo

The landing of the U.S. Coast Guard HH65 Dolphin helicopter used for search and rescue operations is sure to be one of the most popular attractions for children and adults attending this year's Blue Island Community Expo at Eisenhower High School, 12700 South Sacramento on Saturday, September 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The landing will take place at 11 a.m. in the west field at Eisenhower. The pilots will be available throughout the day to answer questions, and visitors can also tour the helicopter.

The twin engine Dolphin operates up to 150 miles off shore and will fly comfortably at 120 knots for three hours. The Dolphin assists in search and rescue missions, enforcement of laws and treaties, including drug interdiction, polar ice breaking, marine environmental protection including pollution control and military readiness. Helicopters stationed aboard icebreakers are the ship's eyes to find thinner and more navigable ice

channels. They also airlift supplies to ships and villages isolated by water. One of the Dolphin's unique features is its computerized flight management system, which integrates state-of-the-art communications and navigation equipment.

The Community Expo is sponsored by the Blue Island Chamber of Commerce. Participants will include retailers, service businesses, nonprofits and service organizations, city agencies and manufacturers. The day long event will feature entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits and more. The expo provides an opportunity for families to see the variety of products and services available to them in the Blue Island area and for businesses to promote themselves. Entertainment and family activities are sponsored by the First National Bank of Blue Island.


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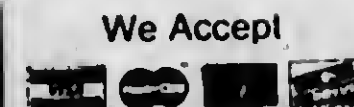


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Exclusives for the bride, a chic downtown salon will be making its sixth appearance at the Hilton featuring the newest designer gowns. Desmonds Formal Wear will be showing their latest in grooms men attire. Music by Tone Productions, Oak Lawn.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than fifty exhibitors who can help plan

the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes and take a tour of the hotel suites and Tower Room. Every person touring the suites receives a chance to win a complimentary overnight stay in the Deluxe Jacuzzi Bedroom Suite. Special discounts are available to show attendees. Book any one of the hotel's three Honeymoon Packages the night of the Bridal Show to receive a 20% discount.

A Grand Prize Dream Vacation to one of Sandals Resorts, provided by Sandals Resort and Janis Anne Travel, Inc. will be given away to one lucky bride. Airfare is not included. Winner must be present to win.

An express menu will be available in Whitney's Restaurant from 4 - 6 p.m. The Hilton Gift Shoppe will be open until 8 p.m.

Call 630-513-7622 and receive two free tickets to the show, while supplies last. Admission charge the night of the show is \$5.00.

Depart for a trip to Sandwich

The Midway Garden Society of Clearing/Garfield Ridge is hosting a one day bus trip to the Sandwich Fair on Friday, September 10. The cost is \$14.00 which includes coach bus and fair admission; lunch is not included. Departure is at 9 a.m. from Archer and Rutherford.



Clearing Civic League holds installation

Recently the Clearing Civic League held installation at the Clearing United Methodist Church.

The installing office standing at the left with the mallet is Arthur Mruminski, Principal of J.F. Kennedy High School in Chicago. First row seated from left to right: Mary Butti-Sgt. at Arms, Mary Kucera-Treasurer, Marie Zilka - Corresponding Secretary, Frank Schreiber - Trustee. Back row - left to right: Richard Zilka-President, Alex Butti-Sgt. at Arms, David Pavic-Trustee, Jim McGuire-Trustee, and Kurt Schalk-Trustee. Officers not present: Hazel Noyes - 1st Vice President, Marilyn Schreiber-2nd Vice President and Acting Recording Secretary, and Ronald Pechlof - Sgt. at Arms.

The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from September to July at 7:30 p.m. at the Clearing United Methodist Church located at 57517 W. 63rd Place. Guests at the September 14, 1999 meeting will be State Senator Christine Radogno and State Representative Eileen Lyons. For more information call 773/586-4378.

The new Vong Restaurant in Chicago

By Kathleen Tobin

Don't let the name Vong on the marquee of the suavely simple, but elegant restaurant on the northwest corner of State and Hubbard Streets in Chicago throw you a curve.

Vong, you might rightly assume, hints at an Asian ambiance. The menu, however, reflects a far more complicated culinary cuisine, blending over 150 Thai spices with the delicacy of fine French cookery.

Who is the master chef who gives food such an exciting new taste concept?

He is Jean-Jacques Vongerichten, the French-born and trained chef, who is recognized today as one of the leading chefs of our country, and perhaps the world. The name Vong, you may have already guessed, comes from the first four letters of his last name.

His chain of restaurants span the globe from Hong Kong to New York (where he has four separate restaurant concepts) to London, and now to Chicago in a partnership with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises,

Inc. and Richard Melman, its founder and president.

This amazing man is so very unassuming, almost humble, that is hard to realize that he has an adored following of admirers among the rich and famous (i.e. Anthony Hopkins, Diane Sawyer, Donald Trump) as well as any discerning business man or woman with a sophisticated palate.

At the opening of Vong in Chicago on April 7, he had to be coaxed out of the kitchen to accept our accolades. With a twinkling eye, an easy smile, and a soft easy manner, he told how he experimented with the spices he found in Thailand during the 3 1/2 years he worked in the kitchen of one of the world's most prestigious international luxury hotels; the Bangkok Oriental.

"I work with 150 spices," he said. "There are many, many combinations. Some work better than others with certain foods. It took a lot of time to get these combinations just right. Then I computerized them. This enabled me to have several kitchens

in different parts of the world that could serve the same basic recipes. I train the chefs so the food and the menu will always be the same high quality and consistency."

Geoff Felsenthal was chosen to be the Chef de Cuisine at Vong in Chicago, and comes highly recommended. He worked with Jean-Georges at the Oriental Hotel and has done extensive training with him in the kitchens of Vong in New York and Hong Kong.

Jean-Georges Vongerichten first came on the dining scene in the States in 1986 when he took over the kitchen at the Lafayette in New York's Drake Swissotel, and was awarded four stars by The New York Times when he was only 29.

Not one to sit on his laurels, Jean Georges experimented further. This time it was Jo Jo, a charming paper-clothed New York bistro that won him Esquire's Best New Restaurant of the Year. After returning from Bangkok he opened his first Vong in New York. It's suc-

cess led to the London Knightsbridge Vong in 1996 and Hong Kong in 1997.

Jean-Georges culinary career began when he was a teenager. "My parents took me to the Auberge de l'ill (France's legendary eatery) for my 16th birthday, and I knew right away what I wanted to do with my life." After a two year apprenticeship at Auberge de l'ill, he moved on to study with two famous French chefs, Paul Bocuse and Louis Outhier the man who would bring him to the Oriental in Bangkok.

Heading off to London the day after the opening of the Chicago Vong, provided the opportunity to test first hand Jean-Georges claim that every Vong location carried the same quality menu. Famous for their Black Plate (a combination of five succulent hors d'oeuvres) and their White Plate (five scrumptious deserts), these dishes became the testing ground.

We were graciously greeted at the Knightsbridge Vong by Oliver J.C.

Wharton, the general manager and his staff. And yes, yes, yes, a delectable repeat of our Chicago plates was spread before us!

Main courses range from Spiced Cod-Curried Artichokes (\$21), Muscovy Duck, roasted rare with Tamarind Sesame Sauce (\$26); to Spiced Rack of Lamb with Cucumber Relish and Tarrot Croquette (\$29). Here is a cuisine that must be tasted to realize its exquisite uniqueness.

Noted architect, David Rockwell has completely redesigned the Vong space at 6 West Hubbard in Chicago with clean simple lines, diffused lighting and large windows softly draped with airy paneled curtains leaving the extravagance to the chef and his food.

Lunch: Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Dinner: Monday - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Valet parking (\$7); all major credit cards; reservations suggested 312/644-8664.

St. Rita welcomes new faculty and staff

St. Rita High School recently welcomed several new teachers and staff to the St. Rita family. Paul Cooney and John Parolin will be teaching Science at St. Rita. They are joined by Joseph Partacz who, in addition to teaching Science, will also teach Algebra. Paul Harrington, the newly appointed Technology Director, has already spent many hours over the summer servicing computers and readying some offices for networking. The Development Office at St. Rita has a new Administrative Director of Development, Sr. Barbara Kwiatkowski, who will also be doing public relations work. Other new members of the Development Team are Peg Strocchia, Data Manager, and several St. Rita alumni: Pat Gabrione, Director of Special Projects, Joe Larkin, Director of Admissions, and Jim Kordas, Director of Major Gifts. The addition of these talented and energetic people has strengthened an already effective faculty and active school community!

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Palos Hills Park Department News

Geneva Lake Cruise - The Palos Hills Park and recreation Department is offering a trip to Lake Geneva on Wednesday, September 29. Departure from the park department, 8455 W. 103rd St. at 8:45 a.m. Fee for residents are \$36.00 and nonresidents are \$41.00 (includes transportation, narrated lake cruise with ice cream sundae). Register now at the park department. For information call 430-4500.

Antiquing at Sandwich - The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering a trip on Sunday, September 26 to the Sandwich Fairgrounds in DeKalb County to enjoy a day of browsing and shopping at the Sandwich Antiques Market. There are more than 550 dealers offering everything from Victorian furniture to salt & pepper shakers. The trip will depart from the Palos Hills Park Dept. at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The fee for residents is \$22.00, nonresidents is \$27. Register now. For information call 430-4500.

Cuneo Museum & Quig's Apple Orchard - The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Dept. is offering

Palos Hospital offers Bereavement Education Series

Have you lost a friend or loved one in the past six months? Are you having trouble coping with the death and making sense out of life? If so, we invite you to attend Palos Community Hospital's Bereavement Education Series.

Palos Community Hospital is located at 12251 S. 80th Ave., Palos Heights.

a trip to the Cuneo Museum followed by lunch, a hayride and apple picking at the Quig's Apple Orchard. The trip leaves Tuesday, September 21 at 8:15 a.m. from the Palos Hills Park Dept. Fee for residents are \$35.00, nonresidents are \$40. Register now. For information call 430-4500.

Attention Crafters - The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department would like to send an open invitation to all crafters interested in bringing their creations out to the Scarecrow Festival. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 16th, and will provide the community with a variety of entertaining. For more information please call 430-4500, or visit the office. The deadline to register is Sept. 30.

Senior Law Enforcement in Palos Hills

The Cook County Sheriff's Office brings the first session of the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy to the Timbers in Palos, 8211 Chestnut, in Palos Hills beginning September 15. Sponsored by Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan, the academy classes are held on Wednesday afternoons, 1 - 3 p.m., through November 3. The first session gives an overview of the Sheriff's Office, police jurisdictions, and a history of law enforcement. All Cook County senior citizens are encouraged to attend these important meetings. To register or receive more information about this free program, please call 773/869-7725.



Members of the Metro Southwest Alliance Reception Planning Committee pictured from left to right are: LeRoy Corradino, Founders Bank; Joan Geary, Hilton Oak Lawn; Ed Springer, Founders Bank; Steve Rosenbaum, Prospect Federal Savings Bank and Chairman of Metro Southwest Alliance; Ray Bodnar, President & CEO, Metro Southwest Alliance; and Maureen Murphy, Cook County Board of Review.

Committee plans benefit for Metro Southwest Alliance

Steven Rosenbaum, President and CEO of Prospect Federal Savings Bank and Chairman of the Board of the Metro Southwest Alliance and members of the Reception Planning Committee have planned a benefit to advance the economic development marketing efforts of the organization. United States Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald will be the guest of honor at the reception, which is scheduled for September 17th from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Hilton at 94th St. and Cicero Ave. in Oak Lawn.

"We're pleased that Senator Fitzgerald will join us to greet Alliance members and community leaders and friends in the metro southwest region. The volunteers on our board of directors and reception planning committee have done a wonderful job in preparation of this special event and bringing the senator to our area," commented Ed Springer, Vice President of Founders Bank and Chairman of the Reception Planning Committee.

According to Springer, individual tickets to the recep-

tion, which will include cocktails and an hors d'oeuvre buffet, are \$75.00 each or \$500.000 for a table of eight. For reservations, please contact the Metro Southwest Alliance in Tinley Park at 708-444-4920.

The Metro Southwest Alliance is a voluntary, nonpartisan, nonprofit partnership of businesses, public officials, labor, education, health care and other professionals working together to strengthen the economy and enhance the quality of life in the Southwest Chicagoland region.

Village Clerk Pat Miller, Worth Township Clerk Thomas "Bud" Gavin and Judy Grant.

Fire department sponsors Farmers' Market

The Worth Fire Department will sponsor the September 8th Farmers' Market giving free blood pressure screenings from 10 a.m. until noon. The market is held

at Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Avenue in Worth every Wednesday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. The market features fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers from Midwest area farms. Patrons to the market will also find fresh pastas and sauces, herbs, spices, mushrooms, breads, baked goods, sausages and more. Come and enjoy lunch at the market. The market is sponsored by the Village of Worth under the guidance of

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Oak Lawn drive by appraisals

Oak Lawn Board of Trustees Meeting Sept 14

By: F.J. Soczek

The City of Chicago is known for its drive-by shootings. The Village of Oak Lawn is now known for its drive-by real estate appraisals. One is lamentable. The other is laughable. And if you live in the area that now encompasses the proposed "Business District Number One," your future is in the hands of a Board of Trustees with an unfortunate amalgam of both characteristics.

In documents released by the Village Clerk, it was noted that "appraisals" for a least 3 residential properties within the proposed Business District at 95th St. & 54th Ave. were based on "only a drive-by inspection." The "Desktop Underwriter Quantitative Analysis Appraisal Report" further reveals "No interior inspection was made on the subject property...the exterior was maintained, therefore this appraiser has assumed that the interior has also been maintained." "No information was given to this appraiser regarding the interior condition of the subject."

The home values determined by the above "appraisal" methodology were utilized by representatives of *Krispy Kreme Doughnuts*, who desired to build a franchise on the

Crafters needed

The Oak Lawn Park District is recruiting crafters for its 3rd Annual Arts & Crafts Show, held Saturday, October 16, at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn. Items to be sold must be homemade, not commer-

cial products, according to Irene Buikema, recreation supervisor from the part district.

Offers to purchase the 3 residential and 2 commercial properties included a 20% "premium" above the appraised amount.

Trustee Ron Stancik, who claimed he possessed Real Estate experience, declared "This was not a good offer; this was a great offer."

Stancik qualified his remarks, noting factors such as the real estate transfer fees, broker commissions and 6 months "free" use of the property additionally enhanced the "great" offer.

Krispy Kreme has since withdrawn its offer to build on the property, noting acquisition costs would significantly exceed the projected budget.

After dismissing real estate appraisals in general as overly optimistic targets rarely reflected in final sales statistics, Stancik motioned to authorize the Village to invoke the process of eminent domain and legally seize the private property.

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees approved the motion by a 5-1 vote, with Marjorie Joy dissenting.

Trustee Stancik accused governmental officials of "buck passing" in his assessment of inappropriate mail-box location on Central Ave.

Stancik also demanded the immediate demolition of Pace bus garage on 95th St., citing allegations of rodents and excessive weeds. The Pace structure has existed in its current condition for many years.

For a participation form or more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Trustee Robt. Streit addressed power outages prevalent in the area surrounding the 9800 & 9900 blocks of Menard and Mansfield, urging an investigation and if necessary, an updating of the applicable infrastructure.

Responding to a neighborhood petition also protesting power problems, Mayor Kolb noted discussions with Commonwealth Edison have been regular and ongoing for the past year.

"It is a slow process and we're trying to play catch up," Kolb remarked, as he explained the utility is working on a section at a time in the problem areas.

Trustee Jerry Hurekes announced a 1st district community meeting will be held Saturday, September 25th from 9 to 12 at the Johnson Center.

Trustee Marjorie Joy announced a 5th district meeting will be held Wednesday, September 29th at 7 p.m.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announced the State's Attorney has recently filed suit to regulate "Pay Day" loan businesses, which have been perceived by some to be problematic.

Trustee Keane praised the efforts of all involved in the annual "Fall on the Green" festival, exclaiming "It was the cleanest fest to date..."

Patrol Officer Maria Chlebek and Firefighter Brian Herli were sworn in by the Village Clerk.

A request was made by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce to reduce their monthly rent from \$290 to \$250 for the next three years. Trustee Kean urged review of the request, noting the cancellation of a parade traditionally sponsored by the chamber was not communicated to the special events committee in a timely manner. The Board of Trustees agreed to further examine the request.



Awareness is great for safety

by Annette Dixon

Regina Finnegan, VFW 5220 Johnson Phelps Auxiliary safety chairman of the Lite-A-Bike program recruited her daughter and the Cubs scout leaders to be on hand for the 50 plus concerned parents and bike riders.

VFW Commander Richard Leuman and the VFW Post sponsored this event on Saturday, September 18th.

Lite-A-Bike program is an annual event sponsored by the Post 5220 to give the children and the parents the awareness of bike safety. Along with the Oak Lawn Police department each participant had the opportunity to register their bike.

Bicycle registration does not guarantee a stolen bike will be returned but it does help police identify the owner if a stolen bike is recovered. Officer Spallina said, "police recover about 100 stolen bikes a year."

Children who have participated received a bicycle safety booklet that teaches the importance of installing reflectors on bikes as well as wearing them on clothes and backpacks. They used their bikes on a obstacle course testing their bike's brakes and steering while practicing their maneuvering ability. There was an Oak Lawn Police officer on hand for questions and observation.

A remark made by the police is for bikers to have a back light on the bike for they would be most visible to the driver. "It's not a guarantee, but the odds are most favorable."

Congratulations to some of the helpers for the day including Sheila Hoppenrath, VFW auxiliary, and Cathy Capriola, Kim Woulfe, Guy Pedigo and Diane Pedigo and the children who so happily posed for the above picture.

One boy was so enthusiastic, he took his ice bag with him for the picture.

The children were having fun and also have the awareness for bike safety.

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tivities including hayrides, various contests, an Evening Hoe-Down, cider and taffy apples, and more. The Craft Show will be held indoors from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost to rent a table is \$15.00. Crafters for this event are registered on a first-come, first-serve basis. To guarantee your spot at this fabulous fall event, register today! For more information, please contact the Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department or call 430-4500. The deadline to register is September 30th.

Halloween Art Spree and Mask making Demonstration

On October 13 and 14 the Illinois Artisans Shop located at James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St. will present maskmaking. From noon to two each day, artists will demonstrate the process of creating life masks, the foundation for either realistic or fantasy mask inventions.

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Offering the Best

By Jo Anne Stocker

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Jo Anne Stocker, owner of Best Fit Mastectomy Products is a Certified Fitter for Orthotics and Prosthetics. However, she prefers to work exclusively with post mastectomy women. Over the past seven years, Ms. Stocker has fitted patients from Christ, Palos, St. Francis and Little Company of Mary Hospitals with the newest and most innovative products available.

Recently, Amoena, one of the largest manufacturers of mastectomy products, introduced a new prosthesis. The Luxa Contact breast prosthesis adheres directly to the chest wall. Ms. Stocker believes this new prosthesis will be worn by over half of the post mastectomy women in the future. Women will also have the option of wearing this prosthesis in the tradition way by placing the prosthesis in the pocket of a mastectomy bra if they choose. Having the option of wearing the prosthesis either way is a great feature.

Best Fit Mastectomy offers local home visits at no additional charge. By offering this service, the women have the comfort and privacy of the fitting in their own homes. Best Fit Mastectomy serves the SW suburbs. Please call JoAnne Stocker at 800.585.4580, if you would like more information.



Governor Ryan makes a "Visit" to support Lyons

Governor George Ryan (left) attends a fundraiser for Rep. Eileen Lyons (right) September 15th at the Theatre of Western Springs. The theatre gave a special performance of their current play "The Visit."

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The Internal Revenue Code favors those with a charitable heart

By Brian Kocsis

There is no debating that the Internal Revenue Code favors those with a charitable intent. Whether you are married or single, an excellent way to reduce your estate taxes is to start giving away some of your assets now to the people who will eventually receive them after you die. However, to take advantage of this tax-saving strategy, you must make gifts correctly.

Currently, you can give up to \$10,000 per recipient each calendar year. However, beginning in 1999, the amount of tax-free gifts will be tied to inflation and adjusted accordingly. If you are married, you and your spouse can each give \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 per recipient per calendar year. You can also give an unlimited amount for tuition and medical expenses if you make the gift directly to the educational organization or health care provider.

Gifts do not have to be in cash. For example, if you want to give your daughter some land worth \$30,000, you can give her a \$10,000 "interest" in the property each year for three years. In addition, as long as the gift is within these limits, you do not have to report the gift to the Internal Revenue Service.

However, it is prudent to obtain an appraisal of the property in the event the Internal Revenue Service questions your gift at a later date.

What if you want to give your daughter more than \$10,000 in one year? You can; however the gift in excess of the \$10,000 limit will start to use up your federal estate tax exemption. In addition, if your gift exceeds the \$10,000 limit, you must report the gift to the Internal Revenue Service.

For example, a parent with two children can give \$10,000 to each child (\$20,000 in total) with no gift tax consequences or reporting. If, however, the parent gives \$20,000 to each child, they have exceeded the \$10,000 limitation, and \$20,000 (two times \$20,000) is subject to gift taxes and must be reported.

Any gift in excess of the \$10,000 limitation starts to use up what is called your federal estate tax exemption. The federal estate tax exemption is a combined gift and estate tax exemption. Under current law, they are one and the same tax. If you transfer an asset during your lifetime, it is called a gift tax. If you transfer the asset after you die, it is called an

estate tax. So you can either use part or all of the exemption now while you are living, or you can use it later after you die. In addition, if you use the exemption now, all future appreciation on the gifted assets are excluded from your estate.

Currently, everyone has a federal estate tax exemption more commonly called a "unified credit" for tax purposes. The unified credit is a credit against your gift and/or estate taxes that allows you to transfer up to \$650,000 of property during your lifetime or at death, or in some combination. For example, if you make a gift of \$400,000 while you are living, assuming you have used up the annual gift exclusion for this recipient, you use up \$400,000 of your unified credit. When you die, you would be able to transfer to your beneficiaries of your estate only \$250,000 tax free since you used the \$400,000 to shelter the lifetime gifts you made in excess of the annual gift exclusion. The gifts you make during your lifetime are applied against your federal gift and estate tax exemption of \$650,000. So you, in essence, defer your gift tax until you die and only pay a

gift tax after you have used up your \$650,000 exemption. If by contrast, you have not made any gifts during your lifetime in excess of the annual gift exclusion, then \$650,000 of your assets are free and clear of estate taxes at your death.

In conclusion, this strategy is an excellent way for you to reduce estate taxes because you are reducing the size of your taxable estate. Even more satisfying than the simple reason of reducing your estate tax burden, is that you see the results of your gift; which may not have happened without your help. One caveat, just make sure you do not give away assets you may need later. When you make a gift, it is irrevocable. Lastly, on August 5, 1997, President Clinton signed The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. This legislation was far-sweeping and included the first major federal tax cuts in 16 years, as well as major changes to gift and estate tax laws. This legislation gradually increases your individual federal estate tax exemption (the amount of money excluded from gift and estate taxes) from \$600,000 in 1997 to \$1,000,000 by the year 2006.

Lutheran Brotherhood sponsors Walk/Jog-a-Thon

Lutheran Brotherhood Moraine Valley Branch #8923 invites all to take part in their First 5K and 10K Walk/Jog-a-Thon, on Saturday, October 9th. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. at the Walk/Bike Path around George Dunne National Golf Course, starting at the entrance at 164th and Central.

This is a Brand Challenge Fund project to benefit Richard and Beth Schmidt. To alloy the unpaid medical bills resulting from their newborn child being in Intensive Care for 10 days. (The child unfortunately

died because of an undeveloped brain.)

All age participants are welcome to walk or jog 5K or 10K (once around the path is 5K). Any participant with at least 10 pledges, will receive a Lutheran Brotherhood T-shirt.

Refreshments will be provided.

If you can't participate directly, please contribute by pledging an amount for a participant. Funds raised through this event will be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$2,401 through the Branch Challenge Fund program.

Burbank Mayor Harry Klein's "State of City" address

The Burbank Chamber of Commerce is hosting a special luncheon on Thursday, October 21st at the Burbank Manor at noon. Special guest speaker, Mayor Harry Klein will present his annual "State of the City" address.

Also included during this special luncheon, our "election of officer" for the year 2000. Nominees are: President - Grace Smith, Legislative Aide; 1st VP Roxane Sanderson, IHS Brentwood; 2nd VP Jim Bokenkamp, Retired Supt., District 111; Treasurer Caroline Aikala, Aloha Aikala Travel; and Secretary Donna Galeher, Kowalik & Nikolovski, DDS.

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National Headache Foundation and Zeneca bring migraine information to women

The National Headache Foundation (NHF) and Zeneca Pharmaceuticals announced the National Migraine Mentors program, which is designed to address the everyday needs of female migraine sufferers and provide them ideas and tools to manage their condition.

NHF and Zeneca developed the Migraine Mentors program in response to the need for peer-to-peer education about migraine. "The best person to truly understand the impact of migraine on women and their families is the woman who has migraine herself," said Jan Lewis Brandes, M.D., a Nashville neurologist and one of two appointed physician advisors to the Migraine Mentors Board and a headache sufferer. To fill this need, the NHF and Zeneca have brought together

women with migraines who represent different age groups and lifestyles from across the United States to form the Migraine Mentors Board.

Led by five migraine sufferers selected for their unique ability to cope with migraine and their true concern for fellow sufferers, the Migraine Mentors Board will help develop public education and outreach programs.

During its first year, the Migraine Mentors program will seek to improve quality-of-life for female migraine sufferers and their families through public education and outreach efforts supported by the resources of Zeneca and the expertise of the NHF. The Mentors' efforts will seek to involve women's partners and children in the management of

migraine and its impact on family life.

For more information about migraine from the Migraine Mentors, call 1-800-823-0194.

The NHF, a volunteer, nonprofit organization located in Chicago, was established in 1970 by a group of physicians to assist headache sufferers and healthcare professionals in the treatment of headache pain, and to increase public awareness about the debilitating nature of headaches. The National Headache Foundation has a toll-free line which people may use to have their questions answered or obtain free information. The toll-free number is 1-888-NHF-5552 and is available 24 hours a day. NHF information is available on the Internet. Visit the NHF website at www.headache.com.

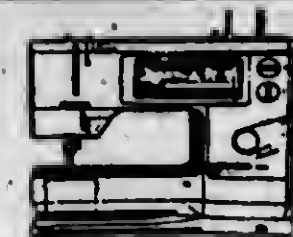
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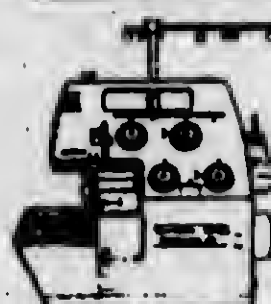
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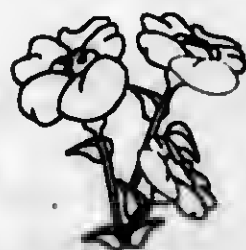
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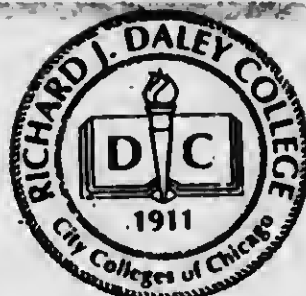
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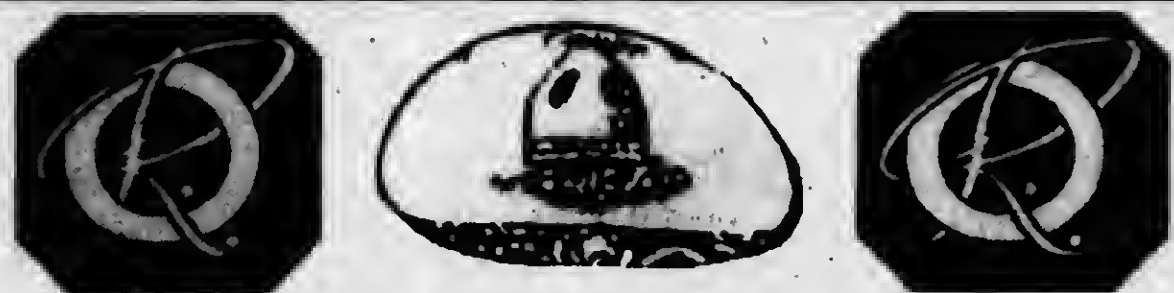
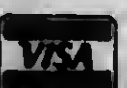
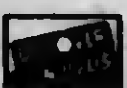
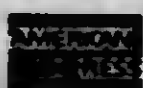
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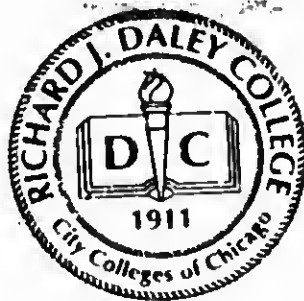
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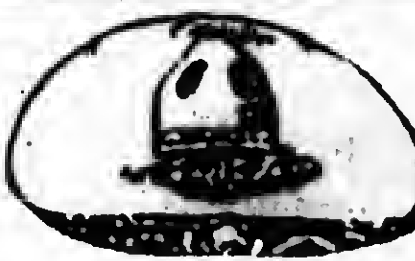

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He is a 1998 graduate of Marie Curie High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Fredrick F. Reichardt, son of Sharon F. Lichterman of Burbank, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at recruit training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

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He joined the Navy in January 1999.

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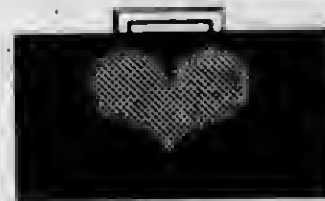


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Military News

Army Pvt. William J. O'Connor, son of William and Geraldine O'Connor of Chicago and Grandson of Elizabeth Collins of Oak Lawn, has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training.

He is a 1999 graduate of Br. Rice High School.

Navy Fireman Jamario J. Moore, whose former guardian is Daisy L. Flowers of Chicago, is currently on station near Istanbul, Turkey aboard the amphibious assault ship and Amphibious Ready Group Flagship USS Kearsarge, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

He is a 1998 graduate of Marie Curie High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Fredrick F. Reichardt, son of Sharon F. Lichterman of Burbank, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at recruit training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

He is a 1999 graduate of Reavis High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Brian A. Walker, son of Anthony M. Walker of Chicago, recently graduated from Operations Specialist School.

He joined the Navy in January 1999.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Issac J. Crawford, son of Sabrina Crawford of Chicago, recently participated in exercise "Phase Zero" in the waters off Puerto Rico while on a five-month South American deployment aboard the destroyer USS O'Bannon.

The 1997 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School joined the Navy in July 1997.

Air Force Airman Shelly N. Zapasnik, daughter of Stephanie J. Zapasnik of Oak Lawn, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Texas.

She is a 1995 graduate of Lakeland Senior High School.

The King Ranch, the largest in Texas, covers about as much land as does the entire state of Rhode Island.

Mother McAuley's Fathers Club hosts golf outing

Mother McAuley High School's Fathers Club is sponsoring a Father-Daughter Golf Outing, Sunday, September 26, at Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd Street in Oak Lawn. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. Golf cart, prizes and lunch are included in the \$25 per person fee. Fathers and their daughters can enjoy 18 holes of golf using a best ball format. For more information, please call John Richert at 773/239-6308 or Rick Schultz at 708/425-1170.

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Library will have kids "Getting Excited About Science"

Students in third through eighth grade are invited to attend an educational and entertaining program that will have them "Getting Excited About Science" Saturday, September 25 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Free tickets are now available at the Youth Services Desk on a first-come, first-served basis.

Science projects do not have to be boring. They can be fun! This program will feature three experts: Barbara Kusek, a librarian who will give tips on using the library to do research, Yvonne Woulfe, a teacher

who will discuss the steps of scientific experimentation, writing the paper and making a presentation, and Steve Belliveau, a magician who will delight his audience by turning one of his fellow presenters into a human gyroscope.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call the library's Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990, pick up a fall 1999 program booklet or visit the Youth Services site on the Oak Lawn Public Library web site (<http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>).

St. Francis Hospital offers workshops

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center will offer four stress and wellness workshops at the hospital at the following dates and times:

How to Have it All! - Thursday, September 30, 6 - 7 p.m. Learn how to self-plan realistically and keep your commitment to a healthier lifestyle. Call 708-385-4433.

Put Your Senses to Work to Alleviate and Manage Stress - Thursday, October 7, 6 - 7 p.m. - Learn how simple aromatherapy can help reduce stress in your life. To register, call 708-385-4433.

Discover the Wonderful World of Massage - Thursday, October 14, 6 - 7 p.m. - Learn from a massage therapist how to alleviate and rub away tensions in your muscles. Call 708-385-4433.

De-Stress Yourself! - Thursday, October 21, 6 - 7 p.m. - Learn how to create positive self-talk by using simple guided imagery and hypnosis skills. To register call 385-4433.

Each workshop will cost \$10.00 or you may attend all four classes for \$30.00.

Enchanting Brigadoon comes to life

The haunting musical fantasy, Brigadoon, will come to life on the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage beginning October 13. Acclaimed as one of the best musical plays of stage history, this Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe hit will be directed by Drury Lane Oakbrook's Artistic Director Ray Frewen.

Sean Krill and Steve Full will lead the cast of 21 as Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas. Cory Goodrich will be Fiona, the 17th century Scottish lassie who enchants the American. Meg, a man-chasing maid who wishes to wed will be played by Heidi Kettenring. Other standouts in the cast will be Bob Romeo as Mr. Lunde and Chris Cobb Olsen as Harry Beaton.

An important element of any Brigadoon production is

the choreography which was first conceived by the famed Agnes de Mille. Nancy Teinowitz will work with the large dance ensemble stepping to spirited Highland flings, bagpipied wedding and funerals and dramatic chases through the woods. Others on the creative staff include Jeff Bell, Music Director; Kurt Sharp, Set Designer; Caryn Weglarz, Costume Designer; Shannon McKinney, Lighting Designer; and Dan Mead, Sound Designer.

Brigadoon will open October 17 at 7 p.m. The performance schedule preview week and thereafter is: Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 5:40 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Great opportunities for men and women...

Coffee Break - A community Bible Study to meet the needs of women on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. beginning September 22. This year's theme: "Shine Like Stars" Becoming Women of Impact. (Child care is provided.)

Men's Steak Fry - Friday, September 24th at 6 p.m. Pastor Bill Mills, Director of Leadership Resources International, will speak on "Life Choices, Regrets and Redemption." Saturday, September 25th, Pastor Mills will give his closing message at the Men's Breakfast. There also is a Men's Bible Study every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

All men and women are invited to join in these exciting events that take place at Moraine Valley Church, 6300 W. 127th St., Palos Heights. For more information, please call 708/389-1268.

Opera lectures announced

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will host eight opera lectures scheduled to precede the opening performances of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 1999-2000 season. Lectures will be held on select Sundays at 2 p.m., September through February. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

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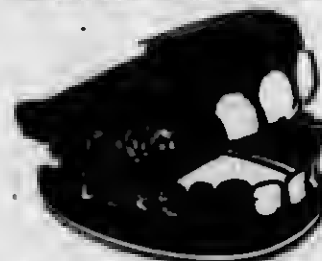
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Century 21 PRO-TEAM host Autumn Art Expo

Century 21 PRO-TEAM is hosting its 2nd Annual Autumn Art Expo for 7th and 8th grade Oak Lawn students. The Autumn Art Expo contest was initiated to exhibit the talents of Oak Lawn students. Eleven Oak Lawn Schools will be participating. Students make their own competitive design for the topic, "Autumn in Oak Lawn."

The Century 21 PRO-TEAM staff will give each art entry serious consideration, then on Semi-Finalist from each school will be chosen. Each of the Semi-Finalists will be given the opportunity to paint an art board covering one of the large windows across the face of the Century 21 PRO-

TEAM building located at 5620 W. 95th Street. These art pieces will be on exhibit from October 16th through November 1.

Each talented semi-finalist will receive a \$50 Bond and a Ribbon of Merit. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$100 bond, a trophy, and a pizza party, featuring Papa Luigi's Pizza, for the winner's homeroom class in their honor on Halloween.

Century 21 PRO-TEAM anxiously awaits the entries and the opportunity to applaud the artistic talent in the Oak Lawn schools! View the talent shown by the Oak Lawn youth at 5620 W. 95th Street on display stating Saturday, October 16.

Johnson - Phelps V.F.W. News

Dinner is Served - Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m., at Post Hall. Fee \$6.00. for tickets contact the Post at 423-5220.

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McDonald-Linn will host 100th Year Anniversary

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255, 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue, will be hosting their 100th Year Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign of the United States on November 7 from 2 - 5 p.m. The Post and the Auxiliary of Post 2255 will like to invite the members of the surrounding areas to help celebrate this occasion by joining them on this day. Refreshments, music, information and a time for fun will take place. If you have any questions please call the Post office at 1-708-636-3220.

Marist Mothers' Club host fashion show

The Marist Mothers' Club is hosting its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Swing into the Millennium" on Sunday, October 10, at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park. The day will begin at 1 p.m. with cocktails followed by the luncheon/fashion show at 2 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Come join us for an afternoon of friends, fashions, fun and great prizes! For reservations, call Betty Heinlein at 708-857-7030.



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Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank State Representative Jim Brosnahan and Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan for putting together a property tax seminar on September 1, 1999 for the homeowners of Worth Township.

The property tax seminar informed me, a taxpayer about the assessment process and the tax saving exemptions Assessor Houlihan's office administers.

Thank you Representative Brosnahan and Assessor Houlihan for being in tune with the needs of our community.

Sincerely,
Norine P. Mayers

Christ Hospital and Medical Center announces October programs

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, has scheduled the following community education classes and support group meeting for October. To register or for more information, call Christ Hospital and Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622 (unless otherwise noted).

The Week of October 4:

Diabetes Support Group - A diabetes support group for persons with diabetes and their families will meet on Monday, October 4, at 6 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Registration is required. This free group regularly meets on the first Monday of every month.

Diabetes Education Classes - Free outpatient diabetes education classes are offered in day and evening sessions at Christ Hospital. Two-session day classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5 and 6, from 1 to 3 p.m.; two-session evening classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, October 12 and 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration is required no later than the Friday before the sessions begin.

Blood Pressure Tests -

Free blood pressure tests, provided by Christ Hospital's cardiac conditioning nursing staff, will be offered to employees and members of the community on Wednesday, October 6, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the hospital. Blood pressures are taken regularly on the first Wednesday of every month, except holidays. Educational literature is available.

Prescription Analysis Service - A free "brown bag" prescription drug analysis service will be offered on Wednesday, October 6, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the hospital. By bringing in their prescription drugs, participants will receive detailed information from a registered pharmacist about the medications' benefits, side effects, possible drug interactions and instructions for use. This service is offered on the first Wednesday of every month. No registration required. For more information, call the Senior Advocate Office at 708-346-4150.

Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group - A free support group for individuals who are suffering from an eating disorder will meet on

Wednesdays, October 6 and 20, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the hospital's Green Room. This group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

New Voice Club Support Group - A free support group for individuals with a partial or total laryngectomy and their families will meet on Thursday, October 7, from 1 to 2 p.m. This group meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month.

The Week of October 11:

Post-Polio Support Group - A support group for people who have had polio will meet Monday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. This group meets regularly on the second Monday of every month. Meetings are free and family member and friends are welcome. No registration required.

Happy Hearts Support Group - A support group for individuals who have undergone open-heart surgery or have heart disease will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Family members are welcome. Blood pressures are offered before the meeting

from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This free group meets regularly on the second Tuesday of every month.

Pediatric Diabetic Support Group - A support group for children with diabetes and their parents will meet on Wednesday, October 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 2176 of Hope Children's Hospital. This free group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from October through May. No registration required; however attendees are limited to children with diabetes and their parents.

Alzheimer's Support Group - A support group for families dealing with Alzheimer's and other diseases related to aging will meet on Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Advocate Transitional Care Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. This free group meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month. No registration required. For more information contact Frank Kowalik, Director of Social Services at 708-229-3059.

Transitions - A free postpartum depression support group for women who have or are experiencing feelings

of depression following birth, will meet on Thursdays, October 14 and 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Care Network Office, 9312 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn. This group meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. (Babysitting is not provided.) Registration is required by calling Family Care Network at 800-216-1110.

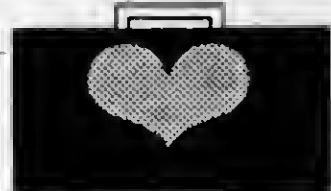
Crohn's Disease Support Group - A free support group for individuals suffering from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis will meet on Thursday, October 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital's Green Room. This group meets on the second Thursday of every month.

Senior Breakfast Club - Area seniors are invited to attend a free presentation Friday, October 15, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. on "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Estate Planning - But Didn't Want to Pay to Ask." This program is part of a monthly series of free talks for seniors held the third Friday of every month by the Senior Advocate Department. Registration is necessary.

Trinity Christian College adds Business Communication Major

The Trinity Christian College, recognizing the need to graduate people who bring a redemptive voice to the practice of communication in organizational settings, has added a Business Communication Major to its offered areas of study. This major will serve the needs of students seeking a career in public relations, marketing, management, personnel development, or preparing for graduate study in Communications or Business. The major consists of 42 hours and is composed primarily of courses from the Business Department and the Communication Arts Department, as well as two new classes, public relations and Web Page Design. For additional information contact Trinity Communications Professor Dr. Annalee Ward at 708-239-4743. Trinity Christian College is located off Rte. 83 between Harlem and Ridgeland Avenues. (6601 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463).

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Relationship Issues - October 20, 7 - 8 p.m., **Free** - Rita Ryan, an advocate from the Rainbow House, will present information to educate the public and foster awareness on relationship and communication issues. Call 708-423-5774. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

Tai Chi - October 4, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m., **Fee - \$60.00** - Take part in this relaxation exercise program, which can improve flexibility and strength and reduce stress. Class runs twelve weeks. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Senior Club (Down Memory and Melody Lane) - October 11, 10 - 11 a.m., **Free** - This monthly lecture series is held on the second Monday of the month. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Managing Anger Before It Manages You - October 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m., **Fee - \$5.00** - Learn how to manage your anger effectively. This workshop, conducted by Joan Murphy Ph.D., will give you a better understanding of the emotion of anger, what triggers it and how to defuse it. Call 708-423-5774. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

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American Heart Association says diabetes is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke

Diabetes joins cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity and lack of exercise as a major modifiable risk factor for heart disease and stroke, according to an American Heart Association scientific statement.

The association said that the statement, which appeared in an early September issue of *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*, was made at this time because the number of people who already have or will develop Type II diabetes is expected to climb in the coming years.

Type II diabetes, which is largely the result of increasing age, obesity, physical inactivity and genetics, accounts for about 90 to 95 percent of the 10.3 million Americans diagnosed with diabetes. Another 5.4 million have undiagnosed diabetes. In addition, several ethnic groups are particularly susceptible to Type II diabetes - Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans and Asians (especially

South Asians).

In an accompanying editorial, five major public health organizations pledged to "initiate new collaborative research and new educational programs that focus on cardiovascular diseases and diabetes." The organizations, which are the American Heart Association; the American Diabetes Association; the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International; and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, plan to concentrate most of their efforts on Type II diabetes.

"Type II diabetes is a powerful risk factor for heart disease and stroke," says Scott Grundy, M.D., Ph.D., lead author of the statement and director of the Center for Human Nutrition, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. In fact, it's more than a single risk factor. It is usually accompanied by other risk factors, such as elevated levels of LDL cholesterol (low-

density lipoprotein of "bad" cholesterol), low levels of HDL cholesterol (high-density lipoprotein of "good" cholesterol) and elevated blood pressure, obesity, and lack of physical activity, all of which makes the diabetes doubly dangerous.

"Individuals need to exercise regularly and lose weight to prevent the onset of diabetes," says Grundy. "They need to go to the doctor and get their cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose measured, and if necessary, treated. They should then ask what else they can do to prevent a heart attack or stroke." The American Heart Association says that many at-risk individuals could benefit from about 30 minutes of brisk walking most days of the week.

According to the statement, the diagnosis of diabetes can be preceded by what the authors called a metabolic syndrome in which patients have high blood pressure, high triglycerides (a type of fat in the blood) and low levels of

HDL.

"Patients with Type II diabetes are much more susceptible to the bad effects of LDL than people without diabetes," Grundy says. LDL cholesterol is a major culprit in atherosclerosis, the disease process that underlies heart disease.

Individuals with diabetes have a three-fold increased risk of dying from a stroke and are more prone to heart failure, kidney failure and atherosclerosis. Worse yet, if a patient with diabetes develops coronary heart disease, the danger is particularly high, the authors point out.

The statement provides detailed guidelines to help physicians diagnose and manage these risk factors in relation to each other. "We tried to bring all of the related existing recommendations for cardiovascular disease prevention for patients with diabetes into one place for physicians," says Grundy. "Doctors have been looking at each risk factor independently of the

others." A vast majority of people with Type II diabetes also have insulin resistance, an impairment in the ability of insulin to dispose of glucose, together with a defective secretion of insulin. Insulin is a substance secreted by the pancreas that helps turn glucose (blood sugar) into energy that can be used by the body's cells. Insulin resistance usually precedes a diagnosis of diabetes and commonly accompanies other risk factors.

The statement stresses not only treatment but also the prevention of Type II diabetes. The authors pointed out that for patients with insulin resistance "the clock starts ticking" for the development of heart disease long before the patient is diagnosed with diabetes. Clinical evidence of the condition includes abdominal obesity — being shaped more like an apple than a pear — high blood pressure, high triglycerides, low HDL cholesterol, borderline LDL cholesterol and insulin resistance.


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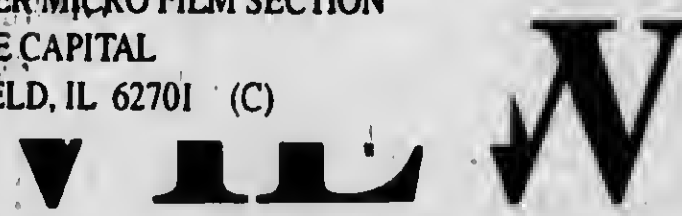
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VILLAGE VIEW



All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

America's teens speak out: Pressures many, but future looks bright

By Deb Salne

Two-thirds of high school students recently surveyed say their lives are at least somewhat tough - yet three-fourths say "the future looks promising because I am pretty confident that things will work out for me."

These are among the major findings of the fourth edition of The Shell Poll™, an opinion survey conducted for Shell Oil Company by Peter D. Hart Research Associates. Ninth through 12th graders' perceptions of the safety of America's schools; influence of parents, school officials and peers; outlook on the future; and most prevalent pressures provide prominent components of this particular poll. Questions were formulated in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education.

"We are delighted to work with the U.S. Department of Education on an issue of such importance to our country," said Susan Borchers, vice president of Corporate Affairs for Shell Oil Company. "And we are very grateful to the more than 1,000 teenagers who told us, so candidly, about their lives. Hopefully, this information can foster dialogue among all concerned citizens - and our children can benefit from such enhanced dialogue."

"As educators, parents and concerned citizens it is important for us to listen to what students are telling us about their lives and their aspirations," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "This survey clearly shows us that today's teens are not a generation to be discounted but rather good young people with positive futures whom we all must encourage and support to do well."

High school juniors, African Americans, girls and students from one-parent households are the likeliest to report experiencing difficult times. And teens who express what they think is most challenging or difficult about their lives mention pressure much more than any other challenge.

Perhaps surprising to many, the top two pressures concern academics, not sexual activity and drug use. When asked to choose from a list of suggested sources of pressure, 44 percent of teens polled cite "the pressure to get good grades" and 32 percent cite "the pressure to get into college." Fol-

lowing those two issues are "the pressure to fit in socially" (29%), "the pressure to use drugs or alcohol" (19%) and "the pressure to be sexually active" (13%).

"Pressure" doesn't necessarily equal "problem," though, when given a list of problems teens face, at least 65 percent of high school students report the issues listed to be a small problem or no problem at all within their group of friends (the one exception being "drugs or alcohol"). However, a significant minority think their group of friends have fairly or very serious problems with drugs and alcohol (43%), academics (35%), family life (35%), and school violence (32%). For African-American students, in particular, violence in school is the single biggest problem they identify (51%); high school students in the South also indicate that school violence is a serious problem (40%).

State of the Schools

Despite months of concern among parents, educators and politicians over school violence, high school students generally feel safe as they begin a new school year.

Asked to grade their own schools on the issue of safety, 77 percent of all teens give their high schools an A or B for "being a safe place, without violence." However, African-American and Hispanic teens are far more concerned about the problems than their white peers. While 81 percent of white teens give a grade of A or B on the issue, just 69 percent of Hispanic teens and 58 percent of African-American teens agree.

Sixty-six percent of those surveyed give their school an overall "grade" of A or B, with almost one in five (17%) assigning a solid A.

When asked to apply that same grading scale to 16 aspects of high school, a majority of those surveyed rate 15 of the 16 as an A or B. Only when asked whether kids generally treat each other with respect do less than half (49%) of all teens surveyed assign good marks.

The highest grades - an A - go to the following categories: "Teaching basic academic subjects, such as English, math and science" (90% give an A or B), "The availability of computers" (79%), "The availability of classes in the subjects like art, theater, and music" (79%) and "Giving students help and advice about applying to college" (78%).

Other signs of dissatisfaction are reflected. For example, almost four in 10 students (37%) give their schools an unsatisfactory grade when it comes to having enough space for the number of students. Almost half (46%) give low marks regarding the extent to which their schools have small classes with personal attention. Generally speaking, the larger the

school, the lower the grades students give in these areas. Thirty-eight percent of students in schools of more than 1,800 students say their schools are doing a good or excellent job of having a small classes with personal attention. This compares with 61 percent of those in schools of 900 or fewer students who say the same.

High school culture: a look inside

A majority (68%) of teens polled say the best thing about going to school is seeing their friends, compared to 21 percent who say the best thing about going to school is going to classes. High school culture is a complicated issue, though, as teens generally report that the personal qualities most important to them are not necessarily the ones most important to popularity.

When asked to identify qualities most important to them personally, young people tend to stress the intangible above the tangible. Almost two out of three (65%) high school students rate being honest as very important, followed by working hard (58%), being a good student (49%), having religious faith (39%), giving time to help others (38%) and having lots of friends (32%). These qualities are much more important to young people than are being a great athlete (19%), having a lot of money (18%) or having a boyfriend or girlfriend (12%).

The rankings change when high school students are asked which qualities are most important to being popular and admired. In fact, three qualities that rank at the bottom of students' own personal value structures are considered more important when it comes to gaining popularity - having lots of friends, being a great athlete and having a lot of money.

The two qualities teens generally value most personally - working hard and being a good student - are considered much less important in being popular.

"Kids generally treating each other with respect" comes in last in a rank of 16 aspects of school, but racial harmony offers more encouraging news. Seventy-two percent give their schools an A or B in this category, a perception that holds strong across all demographic categories.

Parenting matters...a lot

While their friends are a very important part of their lives, high school students report their parents' support and guidance is more important than that of their friends, teachers, siblings, girlfriends or boyfriends. Eight in 10 young people surveyed report they rely on their parents for guidance on decisions or problems, including 63 percent who rely on them a lot.

Most high schools students polled say they feel comfortable talking to their parents about their lives. Nine in 10 feel at least somewhat comfortable talking to them about academics, and three-quarters (77%) polled say they feel comfortable talking to them about their friends and social lives.

The relationship between parental involvement and teen motivation seems very strong. For example, 64 percent of teens who say their parents follow their studies closely report they receive As and Bs, and only 48 percent of teens who say their parents do not follow their studies closely report making As and Bs.

Interestingly, fully three-quarters (75%) of teens whose parents follow their studies closely say their approach to schoolwork is to "make the best effort."

The relationship between parents who read to their teens as young children and those teens' confidence in their choices is compelling, as well. For example, 73 percent of teens who say their parents read to them "very frequently" feel confident they have made the right decisions in their choice of friends, compared to only 52 percent of teens who say their parents read to them "infrequently."

Hope for Central overpass

The Clearing Civic League and Garfield Ridge Civic League members went to a TIF meeting at Curie

High School.

Ald. Mike Zalewski said at the meeting that Rep. William Lipinski and Governor George Ryan had 80% funded for the expressway and they were still short about ten million.



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Graffiti tagger prosecuted

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bers, Court Advocates, and interested citizens along with Judy Olly who is the C.A.P.S. Community Organizer, were at the courtroom for both hearings.

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Village View announces our Health and Senior Issue

Palos Hills officials vote to retain utility taxes

by Jude Coyle

Reverend Casimir F. Gierut passed out flyers to Palos Hills residents as they entered City Council chambers for the September 16th, meeting. He demanded that the Mayor and the City Council repeal utility taxes. According to the good Father, "there is nothing wrong with our government, but with our elected officials. That Mayor Gerald Bennett had intentionally deceived residents when he introduced what he called a two year tax."

When given a chance to speak, Fr. Gierut questioned the validity of government employees, state, county, municipal and even school board employees, holding office. Three aldermen, including Darleen Meier, are teachers and as such, should not run for election. He feels that the city's involvement with the golf course is in violation of the Constitution. No government agency should be allowed to run a profitable business. He was asked if that meant the five county golf courses were also unconstitutional. He promised to sue the city of Palos Hills again,

hopefully resulting in unseating Mayor Bennett. Alderman Pasik pointed out that one reason Palos Hills required so much tax revenue is because law suits and attorneys are expensive.

Fr. Gierut had filed two other lawsuits against the city of Palos Hills. After filing under the Freedom of Information Act for information concerning the amount of revenues earned by the city from the utility taxes, and not receiving it, he sued. He also won. The second suit will be heard on September 23, at 9:30 am., at the Bridgeview Court House, Room 203.

Ordinance 99-18 was voted upon. The ordinance called for the continued imposition of taxes to the sale of gas, electricity and telecommunication services. The ordinance does not effect the current tax rate, which is 4%, and will remain in full force until such time as the city council repeals it. The vote carried with Alderman Frank Williams, Daniel Scurek; Andy Gallatte and Pauline Stratton voting against it.

Soon after that vote, another ordinance was introduced.

Ordinance 99-19 repealed Section 10.16.010 thru 10.16.140 of Chapter 10.16 of Title 10 of the municipal code. What that means is that residents will no longer be required to purchase vehicle stickers.

Alderman Cisarik asked that the council consider leaving this tax in place for another year and divert the revenues towards the water bills. Again, when the vote was called, the ordinance was carried; although Aldermen Andrew Cisarik, Pauline Stratton and Andy Gallatte voted against it.

According to Mayor Bennett, one tax replaces the other. The vehicle sticker, taxes and fines, bring in about \$200,000. On the other had, utility taxes bring in about \$500,000 annually.

Also of note, Alderman John Stefans read his letter to Mayor Bennett and the city council. He is resigning as of October 1. He thanked everyone he worked with, and all those who supported him in the fourth ward.



Public works still without contract

Jack Lawton and Chris Picman, both Worth residents are working for the Worth Public Works Department. The members of Local 73 SEIU union have been working without a contract in Worth since May, 1999.

Dan Baisden, Union Representative from Chicago organized the peaceful picket on September 17th at the golf course where Mayor Bilder was hold his fund raiser. The rat lost half his head, but the teeth are showing.

Ridge kids '99 are number 1 in the state

by Jude Coyle

The 1999 Chicago Ridge 10 year old girls softball All Star Team became the guests at the September 7th, village board meeting. These girls, 13 in all, traveled down state to Beardstown to compete in the state championship and won. Manager Jim Abbott and coaches Kathy DeRuiter and Sue LeBeau, and the members of the team, signed a softball and presented it to Mayor Gene Seigal. At the bottom of the ball, the initials T.W.W. had been written in red. Jim asked the girls to tell Mayor Seigal what that meant. In unison, they said, "Together we win." Mayor Seigal then presented each girl with a certificate acknowledging their efforts at possibly the most successful year in the history of Chicago Ridge Softball.

According to Jim Abbott, this team was made up of the

best players from three teams. That was it. That was all they had to work with. Jim explained that during the regular season, one team had no pitching what so ever. Pitching from the other two teams was so strong, that became the strongest asset of the all star team.

Strong hitting and defense from all three teams became apparent at the beginning of the regular season. He said he thought the possibility was there, but wouldn't dare count on winning a State Championship before the season could begin. He was so surprised when everything came together. The team played in eight tournaments, winning in all eight, usually in the fourth inning by slaughter rule. That means the games were called at the end of the fourth, because one team was ahead by more than ten runs. He said that the kids got along sensationally,

and better yet, so did the parents.

Parents and players traveled to Beardstown, which is thirty miles south of Springfield, for the final games. Residents of Beardstown welcomed the girls and their families at the huge bar-b-que. The girls met a student from Moorehead College, a pitcher. She spoke about coming up from Little League, softball, and a winning attitude. She struck a chord with the girls, and it was in listening to her that the Chicago Ridge girls came up with their motto, "Together we Win". The girls went on to beat LaGrange by a score of 18 to 10 for their final win.

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Friends of the Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street. Reading material is available in advance. Everyone is welcome to join.

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For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, 708-422-4933.



The former Sweeney News Agency Building.

Demolition in the name of rebuilding

By: F.J. Soezek

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees culminated a 14 day, 3 million dollar spending frenzy with the purchase of 5108-5114 West 95th St. for the sum of \$775,000. A residential property located at 9227 S. 48th Ct. was also acquired by the Village for \$150,000 along with moving expenses not to exceed \$1,500.

The latter property will ultimately become part of a parking lot for the patrons of Jedi's Garden Restaurant and Fox's Pub.

At the September 14th Village Board meeting, the issuance of a bond "not to exceed \$1,250,000" was authorized "to purchase property at 9515-17 South Cook Ave to demolish the building on this site and construct a parking lot." Additional proceeds were allocated for Triangle TIF District costs.

The Cook Ave. structure currently houses Southwest Music Center, Maurice Lenell Cookie Outlet and Color Key Printing.

The Village Board also agreed at the September 14th meeting to commence eminent domain proceedings and legally seize 3 residential and 2 commercial properties located in the proposed redevelopment district adjacent the 5400 block of 95th St.

Following an interest by Krispy Kreme to build a doughnut franchise on the site, the property owners in the newly created "Business District One" considered \$1,645,000 to be equitable compensation for the displacement of their families and businesses.

Requisite legal fees and Village administrative costs may significantly increase the "appraised value" of \$835,140 as determined by Krispy Kreme, whose representatives based their offer on a "drive by" inspection.

The 5108-5114 W. 95th St. building currently houses Fernwood-Smith Cleaners, A&B Currency Exchange, Millie's Ice Cream & Coffee Shop and Hair & Nails Unlimited.

Although Village Manager Joe Faber provided a copy of the sales contract for 9227 S. 48th Ct., he refused a request by the Village View for particulars on the Fernwood property transaction. A formal Freedom of Information Request was subsequently filed.

Village Clerk Jayne Powers noted talks had been underway between the Village and representatives from the Barnes & Noble book store chain, who had expressed an interest in the Fernwood real estate.

Oak Lawn resident Andy Skoundrianos addressed the Board and inquired about the number of parking spaces that would be created following the demolition of the Cook Ave building. He was told that information was unavailable.

Mr. Skoundrianos requested the purchase price of the Cook property and was informed the amount was not yet determined.

Mayor Kolb responded to Skoundrianos' inquiry about the Village's plans for the adjacent *Browsatorium* antique shop and other neighboring businesses by stating "They are part of the TIF...We don't know yet."

Andy Skoundrianos further questioned the Board on the progress of Oak Lawn Lake and expressed concern about excessive algae levels observed in parts of the pond. Trustee Stanek explained supplemental aeration was planned to rectify the problem.

The Board approved Trustee Marjorie Joy's suggestion for a competition allowing high school students an opportunity to design the Village vehicle sticker.

Trustee Wm. Keane urged the Board to investigate reports that free bus service for students of School District 218 was being eliminated.

Trustee Ronald Stanek suggested the Village review the possible implementation of traffic circles and speed bumps to curtail speeding, noting these controls have proven effective in other municipalities.

The Village Hall will be closed Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day.

Leaf bags will go on sale at the Village Hall beginning October 12th. The cost for a 20 bag roll is \$5.



St. Bernadette's holds 50 Year reunion

St. Bernadette School held a 50 year reunion on Saturday, September 25th. Some of those in attendance included: Jenny O'Leary, Sister Mary Ventura, Jane Collins, Evergreen Park Mayor Anthony Vacco, Mary Beth McDermott and Leslie Kelley.

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Former students, staff, parishioners and friends of St. Bernadette's School gathered together September 25th for a gala 50th anniversary celebration.

Over fifteen hundred guests spanning several generations exchanged fond memories of the past and demonstrated their ongoing support for the pioneer Evergreen Park learning institution.

The school was founded in 1949 by the Springfield Dominican Sisters. Sister Benedict was the first principal and Father O'Brien was the founding pastor of the newly constructed 12 room school that initially served 365

pupils with a staff of seven sisters.

The school grew exponentially from the first "Graduating Class of 1950" with 13 students to a peak enrollment of over 1200 students in the mid 1960's. St. Bernadette's was one of the first Catholic schools to open a pre-school. An Extended Day Program was initiated in 1994 to meet the needs of working parents. Currently approximately 100 students are enrolled in this program scheduled before and after the regular school program.

In 1996, under the direction of Sister Mary Ventura, the Essential Learning Solutions Lab

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The reunion festivities began with a Mass celebrated by Rev. John McGivern, a St. Bernadette alumnus. A party on the school grounds immediately followed with food, drink and entertainment by the Dancing Noodles.

Along with commemorative clothing items, such as caps and tee shirts, treasured memories were frozen in time with a special reunion memory book that provided a priceless vignette of a half-century of academic excellence.

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Marie Voss, President, announced that Moore will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds office and services available to Cook County residents.



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Mr. Moore served with distinction for four terms as Illinois State Representative. He has also been very active in civic affairs over the years. The Cook County Board recently approved a resolution that he should fill the vacant seat of Jesse White, who was elected Illinois Secretary of State.

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Morrow helps to secure \$550 million for Dan Ryan Expressway

Through his efforts, State Representative Charles G. Morrow III (D-Chicago) helped ensure that \$550 million was included in the Illinois First Plan for needed repairs to the Dan Ryan expressway.

Morrow states that he supported the bipartisan Illinois First Plan to address the needed improvements to the state's rapidly deteriorating roads and bridges. The Illinois First Plan will ensure that essential school, mass transit, infrastructure and road projects will start this year.

"My number one road priority this session was the reconstruction of the Dan Ryan expressway," Morrow said. "With the number of people who travel on the Dan Ryan expressway each and every day, something had to be done to rebuild the roadway and improve safety." "I plan to monitor the repairs made on the Dan Ryan expressway and encourage the state to improve its minority hiring and contracts for minority construction." As Chair - man of the House Appro-

priations - Public Safety Committee and a lead negotiator for the state road fund, Morrow was also able to make sure that the 26th District received its share of state dollars. Funding for the following local projects is included in the FY 2000 budget:

\$547,500,000 - Reconstruction of Dan Ryan Expressway from 31st Street to I-57.

\$1,392,000 - Reconstruction of S. Chicago Ave. from 71st Street to 95th Street.

\$1,269,000 - Resurfacing of 76th Street from Damen Ave. to Cottage Grove.

\$618,000 - Reconstruction of 63rd Street from Western Ave. to Wallace Street.

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Eugene Moore to address Calvin Christian Reformed Seniors

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Calvin Christian Reformed Seniors, Wednesday, October 13, 1:30 p.m. at Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 10100 S. Central, Oak Lawn.

Marie Voss, President, announced that Moore will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds office and services available to Cook County residents.



Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds

Mr. Moore served with distinction for four terms as Illinois State Representative. He has also been very active in civic affairs over the years. The Cook County Board recently approved a resolution that he should fill the vacant seat of Jesse White, who was elected Illinois Secretary of State.

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Line Dance at Our Lady of Loretto

Our Lady of Loretto "B" building, 8925 S. Kostner Ave. will host Line Dancing. Line Dancing will begin October 7, at 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. For beginner in the Big Hall, and from 8:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. for advanced in Room 115. Classes will be held every Thursday evening with a few exceptions.

The cost is \$5.00 per class for beginners and advanced. For more information call Betty (708/423-0032) or Donna (708/425-6039).

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Morrow helps to secure \$550 million for Dan Ryan Expressway

Through his efforts, State Representative Charles G. Morrow III (D-Chicago) helped ensure that \$550 million was included in the Illinois First Plan for needed repairs to the Dan Ryan expressway.

Morrow states that he supported the bipartisan Illinois First Plan to address the needed improvements to the state's rapidly deteriorating roads and bridges. The Illinois First Plan will ensure that essential school, mass transit, infrastructure and road projects will start this year.

"My number one road priority this session was the reconstruction of the Dan Ryan expressway," Morrow said. "With the number of people who travel on the Dan Ryan expressway each and every day, something had to be done to rebuild the roadway and improve safety." "I plan to monitor the repairs made on the Dan Ryan expressway and encourage the state to improve its minority hiring and contracts for minority construction." As Chair - man of the House Appro-

priations - Public Safety Committee and a lead negotiator for the state road fund, Morrow was also able to make sure that the 26th District received its share of state dollars. Funding for the following local projects is included in the FY 2000 budget:

\$547,500,000 - Reconstruction of Dan Ryan Expressway from 31st Street to I-57.

\$1,392,000 - Reconstruction of S. Chicago Ave. from 71st Street to 95th Street.

\$1,269,000 - Resurfacing of 76th Street from Damen Ave. to Cottage Grove.

\$618,000 - Reconstruction of 63rd Street from Western Ave. to Wallace Street.

\$580,000 - Resurfacing of Marquette Road from Central Park Ave. to California Ave.

\$476,000 - Resurfacing of King Drive from 67th Street to 79th Street.

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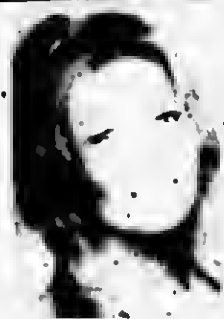
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NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead
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For October 1999...**Psychic Predictions are for all Signs.** I use NumAstrology [I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight]! Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Get yourself "going" in a new direction." All it takes is to start a new thought, a new project, and not being afraid to take a chance on yourself and those you believe in and trust! F, B and A involved. Reach to the strength within you. You win!

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Other people seem a bit distant from you, wanting perhaps to first see what you can do for them before taking sides with you. The answer to your next question should be, "who do I have to prove myself to?" Someone, either Leo or an H, is helpful. Smile!

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is not a "ho-hum" kind of week, but a good one to be more loving, more compassionate and understanding of your mate! If you won't, someone else will if they can. Remember the wise old saying, "everything and anyone can be replaced!"

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Just be yourself, you are not and should not be a carbon copy of anyone else. You have so much to offer, so much to share...someone in Leo or Capricorn has a lot in common with you and may want to work with you-fall in love with you! Wow!

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You get a chance to find yourself in meditation, in the words of your mate or child. Be willing to make those changes you know you have to make if...yes, "if" you are going to succeed. Money matters seem to clear up and almost miracle things are now happening for you. Humility counts too.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You have not been able to say, "I have made it!" Well, this week offers you the opportunities of success, simply believe you can do and you can do it! Meditate on the colour Red and command your inner spirit to respond and heal you. G aids.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: If money is the chief concern in your life and love is on the back burner, you just might get that money and forfeit that love. Think about this. C and someone L involved soon. Watch your weight.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: There is an old saying, "as above-as below." So, begin and end this week meditating on what you want, and then put in the who, the what, the where, the when and why of what you are meditating on and you can get results fast! Money comes.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: If the decision to move on is too painful, find something good about making such a move. Look forward to it. It is being done to help you, not to harm you. Ask yourself this, "what is more important than my SMEP survival?" J helps you if you ask. Cash arrives.

I provide my **Psychic Insights** on a **one-on-one** basis...by phone or in my office...let's look ahead into the year 2000 for you. [or contact me at <http://jackimari-online.com> and try ePSYCHICAnswers or eDREAMS. Find out how using NumAstrology can help you understand your life, your own "BirthBornSoftware"...get your own "NumAstrology Profile" \$19.95 plus S&H. YES I do HOUSE PARTIES. Call for information, for appts., or for a FREE brochure of Services & Tapes [708-636-4578] or write to P.O.Box 802, Oak Lawn IL 60454. My JM HOTLINE is for immediate answers. Jackie Mari & Alyn

Outstanding American History Teacher Award

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is seeking nominations for its biannual outstanding Teacher of American History Award.


This year, the Swallow Cliff Chapter, Illinois Society, invites area educators to submit their nominations. If selected as the Illinois State Award Recipient, the winner will be nominated for the National DAR Award, which honors its recipient with a framed certificate, a book of appreciation, and a \$3,000 check.

The deadline for submissions is October 1, 1999.

For complete information and an official nomination form, please contact Gloria Flathom, regent (708) 423-1323, or Carol Marsh, Historian (708) 423-6709.

Harvest Time Worship Center

"Harvest Time Worship Center", a newly organized ministry located at 8420 S. Narragansett Ave., has a debt free facility and a full-time senior pastor. Presently, they are building a core group and are developing ministry teams. On Sunday October 17 at 11 a.m., they will be presenting themselves to the public as a new and progressive Spirit-filled ministry in the southwest suburbs. All are invited to this special day. For more information call Pastor Glenn Bleakney at 708/599-8895 or visit their website at www.members.christweb.com/harvesttime.



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Letter to the Editor

In a recent newspaper article, I was appalled to see the fabrication against John McNamara by Ron Stancik and his cohorts in the Oak Lawn Coalition Party. This group has the arrogance to think that anyone who has the courage to stand up to their dictatorial methods should be punished with lies and rumors. I was especially irked by Ron Stancik's statement that he doesn't now attend Worth Township Democratic meetings because he belongs to Chicago's 19th Ward. For the last decade he has not been seen nor heard at Democratic meetings which are held in Oak Lawn. So much for defending Oak Lawn first! Of course he supports Chicago's 19th Ward - he owes his political patronage job in the Cook County Assessor's office to them. I think it's time that Ron pay more attention to the residents in his district, stop making misleading statements, and do the job he was elected to do at home.

Robert Welch, Jr.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As Supervisor of Worth Township, I am pleased to announce the unanimous passage of Resolution #355-99, supporting the construction of a full access interchange between I-294 and I-57 by the Worth Township Board at our monthly meeting, Thursday, September 23, 1999.

Worth Township finds that a full access interchange between I-294 and I-57 will enhance future economic development and job creation opportunities for the south metropolitan area and will preserve and enhance the quality of life in the region Illinois Toll Highway Authority, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to move forward expeditiously and take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement a planning process incorporating regional concerns and developing a full access in-

terchange between I-294 and I-57.

We support the idea of an efficient transfer of commuter traffic, resulting in more acceptable vehicular transportation patterns, thereby reducing migratory traffic and gridlock on regional arteries.

We feel local access will encourage the retention and expansion of existing companies and will attract new business to the southwest metropolitan area.

We encourage each reader to join in support of this worthwhile project by writing a letter of support to their local officials and to the Chairman of the Illinois State Highway Toll Authority, Mr. Arthur W. Philip at 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois 60513.

Sincerely,
John F. Murphy
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Bob Fosse changed the way Broadway danced. He made it sophisticated, sexy and cool. His films from Cabaret to All That Jazz were the last great movie musicals. He is the only person ever to win the creative triple crown — an Oscar for the film CABARET, an Emmy for the television special Liza with a Z and a Tony Award for the musical PIP-PIN. FOSSE is now on stage at the gloriously restored Ford Center for the Performing Art Oriental Theatre, 24 West Randolph Street. FOSSE features a cast of extraordinary dancers and singers who gives the dance of a lifetime.

Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St. (312) 902-1500. Tickets: \$17.50 - \$65.00.

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...SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER (Eclipse Theatre Company opens Saturday November 6, at 7:30 p.m. to December 5) at the Chopin Studio Theatre, 1543 Division St. in Chicago. 312-409-1687.

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Fall colors may be impacted by weather extremes, says AAA-CMC

This summer's drought and late season hurricanes may affect fall foliage viewing in the U.S., according to the AAA-Chicago Motor Club.

At this time of year, travelers look forward to touring scenic areas to see the trees' brilliant crimson, orange and yellow garb. Unfortunately, extremely dry conditions in some portions of the Midwest and the mid-Atlantic states can cause trees to lose their leaves early. Stressed from a lack of moisture, leaves may turn brown prematurely and drop to the ground.

The torrential rains and violent winds of the recent hurricanes that visited East Coast states have compounded the problem.

"Leaf peepers" are encouraged to contact states' offices of travel and tourism before heading out to avoid being disappointed.

Crafters needed

Crafters are currently being sought for the St. Fabian Women's Club Arts & Crafts Fair to be held on Saturday, November 13th at the church's Social Center, 83rd and Oketo, Bridgeview. Cost is \$30.00 per table, plus a raffle prize. For further information and/or an application, please call the rectory at (708)599-1110 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Another shooting and doctor warns more to come

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Teenagers shooting classmates. Shootings in church. Employees killing coworkers. Suicides accounting for more deaths than murder. Mental health costing \$200 billion a year in the U.S. alone.

"Unless we do something effective about the medical problems behind most of these shootings, they'll continue and even escalate," says Dr. Leland Heller, a Florida family physician mental health expert and author of the new book, "Biological Unhappiness" (Dyslimbia Press, 1999).

"Virtually all of these problems are biologically based and treatable," says Dr. Heller, "an genetics plays a far greater role than was previously recognized, particularly when combined with stress, substance use, violent influences and family dysfunction. Common neurological problems are behind many of these shootings," explains Dr. Heller. "Misinformation, ignorance, and stigmatization about mental health are mak-

ing even our sacred places of worship and education unsafe."

"Most of these problems are treatable with the right combination of medication and counseling. Making all the diagnoses and treating them comprehensively is crucial, but rarely done."

Dr. Heller has a free screening test to find out if a person has one or more neurological disorders leading to unhappiness, depression, substance abuse, violence, or even suicide at <http://www.biologicalunhappiness.com>.

The test helps determine if someone has any of a variety of disorders, from Attention Deficit Disorder or Bipolar Disorder, to Panic Disorder or the Borderline Personality Disorder, all of which are treatable biological conditions that can cause even a "good person" to lose control and commit a horrible tragedy.

A recent study conducted by the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and Harvard University, reveal

that mental illness, including suicide, accounts for over 15% of the burden of disease in established market economies, such as the United States. This is more than the disease burden caused by all cancers.

"If we diagnose and treat the problems before individuals lose control, we can stop many of these shootings and prevent much needless suffering," says Dr. Heller.

Dr. Heller has answered a thousand "ask the doctor" questions for a Website on the borderline personality disorder. You can e-mail a question to him at the "Borderline Personality disorder sanctuary" at <http://www.navicom.com/~patty>.

"Biological Unhappiness" is available at Amazon.com (ISBN #192894700X \$22.95), B&N.com, directly from Dyslimbia Press with a 30 day unconditional money back guarantee, 109 NE 19th Drive, Okeechobee, FL 34972 (\$3.00 S & S), and soon in bookstores everywhere.

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Pitching clinic at Lourdes HS

Varsity softball coaches Burt Blake and Phil Emph will be holding a winter pitching clinic at Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street.

This clinic will begin on Wed., November 10 and run through Feb. 23, 2000. This will reflect a 13 week schedule. A maximum of 14 openings will be available.

The current clinic fees range in price from \$15.00 - \$25.00 per session. Anyone interested in participating in this clinic should contact Coach Phil Emph at (773) 581-6911.

Alumnae Reunion Luncheon

Sister Josita Krzeminski, Principal of Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street, announce that on Sunday October 10, Lourdes High School will hold its Annual Alumnae Reunion. The graduation classes ending in "9" and "4" will be honored. The schedule of events includes: a liturgy at 12:30 p.m. followed by a luncheon in the school cafeteria.

There will be time to socialize with special friends, pray together, and share a delicious meal. You will also have an opportunity to enjoy a performance by the school's chorus. The cost for the reunion luncheon is \$30.00. All Lourdians from any graduating class are welcome. For additional information please contact Sister Josita Krzeminski, Principal at 773/581-2555.

St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

Once again Our Lady of Loretto Parish Life is sponsoring the St. Jude Bike-a-Thon on Saturday, October 9. Registration is at 12 p.m. at O.L.L. parking lot and the Bike-a-Thon starts at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested in riding in the Bike-a-Thon can pick up a sponsorship form at Our Lady of Loretto Rectory, Hometown Library or call Donna (708) 425-6039 or Colleen (708) 425-8288.

St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Desperate Cases. Money raised from the St. Jude Bike-a-Thon helps to defray medical costs and for clinical research for children af-

flicted with childhood diseases, mainly cancer. Many families who bring their children to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital have little or no insurance. It treats children without regard to race, religion, creed or ability to pay.

With your generous donations children from around the world can have hope for a future. Children are our future. If someone comes to your door for a sponsor for the St. Jude Bike-a-Thon please give whatever you can. If you would like to make a donation please call Donna or Colleen.



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Fall colors may be impacted by weather extremes, says AAA-CMC

This summer's drought and late season hurricanes may affect fall foliage viewing in the U.S., according to the AAA-Chicago Motor Club.

At this time of year, travelers look forward to touring scenic areas to see the trees' brilliant crimson, orange and yellow garb. Unfortunately, extremely dry conditions in some portions of the Midwest and the mid-Atlantic states can cause trees to lose their leaves early. Stressed from a lack of moisture, leaves may turn brown prematurely and drop to the ground.

The torrential rains and violent winds of the recent hurricanes that visited East Coast states have compounded the problem.

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Teenagers shooting classmates. Shootings in church. Employees killing coworkers. Suicides accounting for more deaths than murder. Mental health costing \$200 billion a year in the U.S. alone.

"Unless we do something effective about the medical problems behind most of these shootings, they'll continue and even escalate," says Dr. Leland Heller, a Florida family physician mental health expert and author of the new book, "Biological Unhappiness" (Dyslimbia Press, 1999).

"Virtually all of these problems are biologically based and treatable," says Dr. Heller, "an genetics plays a far greater role than was previously recognized, particularly when combined with stress, substance use, violent influences and family dysfunction. Common neurological problems are behind many of these shootings," explains Dr. Heller. "Misinformation, ignorance, and stigmatization about mental health are mak-

ing even our sacred places of worship and education unsafe."

"Most of these problems are treatable with the right combination of medication and counseling. Making all the diagnoses and treating them comprehensively is crucial, but rarely done." Dr. Heller has a free screening test to find out if a person has one or more neurological disorders leading to unhappiness, depression, substance abuse, violence, or even suicide at <http://www.biologicalunhappiness.com>.

The test helps determine if someone has any of a variety of disorders, from Attention Deficit Disorder or Bipolar Disorder, to Panic Disorder or the Borderline Personality Disorder, all of which are treatable biological conditions that can cause even a "good person" to lose control and commit a horrible tragedy.

A recent study conducted by the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and Harvard University, reveal

that mental illness, including suicide, accounts for over 15% of the burden of disease in established market economies, such as the United States. This is more than the disease burden caused by all cancers.

"If we diagnose and treat the problems before individuals lose control, we can stop many of these shootings and prevent much needless suffering," says Dr. Heller.

Dr. Heller has answered a thousand "ask the doctor" questions for a Website on the borderline personality disorder. You can e-mail a question to him at the "Borderline Personality disorder sanctuary" at <http://www.navicom.com/~patty>.

"Biological Unhappiness" is available at Amazon.com (ISBN #192894700X \$22.95), B&N.com, directly from Dyslimbia Press with a 30 day unconditional money back guarantee, 109 NE 19th Drive, Okeechobee, FL 34972 (\$3.00 S & S), and soon in bookstores everywhere.

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Pitching clinic at Lourdes HS

Varsity softball coaches Burt Blake and Phil Emph will be holding a winter pitching clinic at Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street.

This clinic will begin on Wed., November 10 and run through Feb. 23, 2000. This will reflect a 13 week schedule. A maximum of 14 openings will be available.

The current clinic fees range in price from \$15.00 - \$25.00 per session. Anyone interested in participating in this clinic should contact Coach Phil Emph at (773)581-6911.

Alumnae Reunion Luncheon

Sister Josita Krzeminski, Principal of Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street, announce that on Sunday October 10, Lourdes High School will holds its Annual Alumnae Reunion. The graduation classes ending in "9" and "4" will be honored. The schedule of events includes: a liturgy at 12:30 p.m. followed by a luncheon in the school cafeteria.

There will be time to socialize with special friends, pray together, and share a delicious meal. You will also have an opportunity to enjoy a performance by the school's chorus. The cost for the reunion luncheon is \$30.00. All Lourdians from any graduating class are welcome. For additional information please contact Sister Josita Krzeminski, Principal at 773/581-2555.

St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

Once again Our Lady of Loretto Parish Life is sponsoring the St. Jude Bike-a-Thon on Saturday, October 9. Registration is at 12 p.m. at O.L.L. parking lot and the Bike-a-Thon starts at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested in riding in the Bike-a-Thon can pick up a sponsorship form at Our Lady of Loretto Rectory, Hometown Library or call Donna (708) 425-6039 or Colleen (708) 425-8288.

St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Desperate Cases. Money raised from the St. Jude Bike-a-Thon helps to defray medical costs and for clinical research for children af-

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Millennial program for Theology South

This year's season of Theology South lectures, began on September 23rd with a talk by Avis Clendenen and Troy Martin, instructors in religious studies at St. Xavier University, entitled: "Fostering Forgiveness: Confronting and repenting." So begins the sixteenth year Theology South has presented their series of six lectures on subjects of religious interest by significant figures on the Chicago scene.

The theme of this year's series is taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Corinthians. (I Cor. 12:7) "To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." Three of the talks deal with the spirituality of the family: "Faces of the Feminine" by Evelyn Whitehead, psychologist, author, and consultant in education and ministry; "Family Memoirs: Creating a Testament of Faith," by Andrew Lyke, coordinator

of marriage ministry for the Archdiocese; "Wisdom, Age, and Grace: The Spirituality of Children," by Elizabeth Jeep of the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola. Also of the Pastoral Institute is Sister Barbara Fiand, S.N.D., whose talk is entitled: Contemporary Science and Our Quest for God." "What Lies Ahead: Eucharist in the 21st Century" will be presented by Kieman O'Kelly, pastoral associate of St. Barnabas.

Except for the initial lecture, all talks will be held the first Thursday of the month through April (excluding January) in the main lounge of St. Xavier. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. with the talk and discussion from 9:30 - 11:30. The price of admission is \$5.00 per individual lecture or \$25.00 for the series.

For additional information call Donatta Yates at 708-422-1635.

Beauty isn't everything, but then what is.
—Sanford Wilson

Daley College honors 2000th GED graduate

Henry Pena was delighted to learn that he had passed his General Educational Development tests and earned his GED. He had been enrolled for two semesters at Daley when he took the test. Now, Mr. Pena has been notified that he is the 2000th Daley student to have earned that mark of distinction. He has been congratulated by the program staff will be receiving a gift certificate for a dinner for two, donated by the Olive Garden Restaurant at 4801 W. 77th Street in Burbank.

When Mr. Pena dropped out of school at the end of the eighth grade in 1981, he had little thought for his future. But now, 18 years later, he is married, the father of two daughters, aged 6 and

13, and has a serious and ambitious plan for his life. At present, he is taking college courses in math at Daley in preparation for entering a program offered by the electricians union. But in the long term, he would like to earn a degree in math. He enjoys the challenge of learning, he says, which is why he never missed a single class in his two semesters. He will receive formal recognition of his achievement, including his Olive Garden gift certificate, at the GED graduation ceremony on Friday, October 15th. The more than 200 students who passed their GED tests in 1999 will be honored on that occasion with certificates of successful completion.

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Free blood pressure screenings at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will sponsor free blood pressure screenings the third Wednesday each month from noon to 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave.

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Stickney township promotes food safety

To help restaurants comply with stepped-up food sanitation requirements the Stickney Township Public Health Department will sponsor classes for restaurant employees on three days in October at the Township's North Health Center, 6721 W. 40th St., in the village of Stickney.

"Effective Oct. 1 the Illinois Department of health is requiring that high risk restaurants have one full-time certified manager on the premises at all times," said David Lenihan, Township Director of Environmental Control.

"Previously restaurants were required to have only one full-time certified manager. This means many restaurants will need to get additional staff certified. Our classes will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 14, 21, and 28, in conjunction with the Illinois Restaurant Association. There will be a limit of 40 in each class."

High risk restaurants are those that serve complete meals throughout the day, with some food prepared in advance.

Notice of the classes has been sent to restaurants, but owners desiring more information should call 2-213-787-4000, 1-800-572-1086, or the township office at 708-424-9200, ex. 123.

"In view of the growing number of food bacteria cases reported throughout the country we think this is a timely and needed requirement," added Lenihan, "and it is our purpose to help local restaurants comply with the new law."

At the same time Lenihan called public attention to Food Safety Awareness month, which is being observed during September.

"We are encouraging the public to take four simple steps to insure food safety," said Lenihan. "Briefly, these are wash hands and food surfaces often, separate foods to

avoid cross contamination that spreads bacteria, cook foods to proper temperatures, and refrigerate foods quickly to keep harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying."

Some other tips:

Use plastic or other non-porous cutting boards and run them through the dishwasher.

Use paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels wash them often in the hot cycle of your washing machine.

Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrigerator.

Never place cooked food on a plate which previously held raw meat, poultry and seafood.

Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm.

Fish should be opaque and flake easily with a fork.

Refrigerate or freeze perishable, prepared foods and

leftovers within two hours or sooner.

Set your refrigerator no higher than 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the freezer at zero. Check these temperatures occasionally with an appliance thermometer.

Don't pack the refrigerator. Cook air must circulate to keep food safe.



Rev. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, C.S.C. President of Notre Dame University

12 at the Martinique Drury Lane, 2500 W. 95th Street, in Evergreen Park. The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame University, will be guest speaker at the dinner. Father "Monk" Malloy's subject will be "The Value of a Catholic Education." His presence promises to lend an elegant note to the evening and his knowledge and experience with Catholic education will make his address interesting and informative.

Three individuals will be inducted into the Marist Hall of Fame during the evening. The inductees are Maurice Mitchell '89 honored for

Track and Field, Michael Rogowski '70 honored for Football, and Al Brazen honored for Lifetime Achievement.

Pre-sale admission tickets are \$40.00 per person and include dinner and open bar. Tickets are available at Marist and may be obtained by contacting Marty Wirtz at 773/881-6360; ext. 5376. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door the night of the dinner for \$50.00 per person.

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Parents included in Stickney Township Fall Youth Program

A new program designed to help parents deal with children who rebel is included in the Stickney Township Youth Commission Fall program.

Parents of children of all ages are invited to attend the first of a series of discussions on the subject, "Why Do Children Rebel," to be offered on three Monday evenings at the township's three clinics.

The discussions will be led by Kenneth C. Spajer, director of the Youth Commission. With a master's degree in psychology, Spajer is an acknowledged leader in the field of youth guidance.

The presentations will be held at 7 p.m. on three successive Mondays starting Oct. 18. Parents planning to attend should contact the Youth Commission office by calling 708/424-9200 x 60 as soon as possible. Each discussion will last an hour. On

Oct. 18 the discussion will be held at the South Clinic, 5635 State Road, Burbank. On Oct. 25 it will be at the North Clinic, 6721 W. 40th St., Stickney and on Nov. 1 at the Central Clinic, 4949 S. Long Ave., Chicago.

"Most child specialists say children need to rebel. But why," asks Spajer. "This presentation will attempt to provide a brief answer to this issue. Subsequent meetings will explore the topic in greater detail and provide some skills parents can use to facilitate change." In addition to heading the Youth Commission for 24 years, Spajer has over 31 years of clinical experience treating young people and their families. Certified as a psychologist while working with the Department of Corrections, Juvenile Division Reception and Diagnostic Center in Joliet, Spajer is also an adjunct instructor at Moraine Valley Community College, where he has taught in the Department of Psychology for 17 years. He received the Part-Time Professor of the Year Award in 1995.

A second new fall program is entitled Tots Fun Time. It is for children ages 3 to 5 and includes crafts, songs, games and social skills. There will be two sessions of three meetings held on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The dates are Oct.

15, 22, and 29 and Nov. 12, 19, and Dec. 3. There is a \$6 fee.

"Creative Fun" features craft projects for children 6 to 11 years old and will meet from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. One session will meet Oct. 12, 19 and Nov. 2 and the other on Nov. 16, 23 and 30. Registration fee is \$6.

The annual Halloween Family Fun party including games, costume contest, raffles and a bog of treats for all paid children will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the South Stickney Township Community room. Fee is \$3 per child, \$1 per adult and includes pizza and a drink.

Registration is required for all programs and classes are limited in size. To register call 424-9220 x 60. Deadline is Oct. 8.

Card & Beanie Baby Show

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a Card & Beanie Baby Show on Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee for a space (6' x 6') with table is \$15.00. The show will be held at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. Admissions is free for anyone interested in attending. Stop by and register early at the Palos Hills Park Department. For information call 430-4500.

Palos-Orland League of Women Voters sponsors Property Tax Seminar

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will sponsor a Property Tax Seminar on Saturday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m. The seminar will be held at the Palos Heights Recreation Center located at 6601 W. 127th Street in Palos Heights. The purpose of the seminar is to help residents understand how to appeal their property tax bill for a possible reduction in their property tax liability. Mr. Ron Messina, director of Taxpayer Services for the Cook County Assessors office will be in attendance at the seminar.

The Palos-Orland League of Women Voters was founded in 1959 and has members from approximately ten Southwest suburbs. For more information please call Chris at 708/598-5459.

Kelsey to address Garden Seniors Club

Susan Kelsey, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, will speak before the Garden Seniors, Friday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church, 10000 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn.



Susan Kelsey

Doris Dilitskasnich, coordinator, announced that Susan will explain the function of her company.

Susan received her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa and has completed her theses with a master's degree in health law from DePaul University.

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Local residents elected to Speech and Hearing Board. The SSHC is proud to announce the election for the following community activist to its Board of Directors: Pastor Dave Nichols, Palos Hills; Julie Buck, Tinley Park; Glenn Rutlik, Olympia Fields; Donna Jacobus, Chicago Ridge; Jim Hickey, Lockport; Tom Siedis, Oak Lawn; Mike Rogge, Oak Forest; Ray Sullivan, Orland Park; Greg Hase, Palos Heights; Ed Skrypek, Alsip.

These individuals were elected during the centers annual election in August. Presiding over the meeting was Board President, Gregg Jarman, of Crestwood.

The center mission... The Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center believes that quality professional services to those who are speech and

hearing impaired should be made available to all income levels. Since the Center is community based and supported, all funds earned by the Center go directly back into services. These include, but are not limited to, providing assessment, treatment, assistive communicative devices, and educational services to individuals or other institutions.

The boards major responsibility is to govern, fundraise and network for/with the center and its needs.

The center's two locations, Palos Hills and Homewood, see 8,000 clients per year and has speech and hearing services and products for the past twenty years. It is a nonprofit, United Way agency.



KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Kathy Whirly

Not too long ago I wrote a column on dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease. It wasn't until after my father was diagnosed with having this mentally disabling disease, that it touched my life in an emotionally, personal way. Being a middle-age wife and mother, it wasn't easy becoming my father's caretaker, and as he became more like a child than a parent, the decision to place him in a nursing home was unbearably heartbreaking.

Nursing homes weren't something all that new to me. Years ago, with a great love for the nursing profession, I found myself employed at the local nursing home. I became familiar with how they operated and I managed quite well at taking care of the elderly patients assigned to me. But all this was years before my father would become one of those elderly patients dependent on nursing home care.

The home we chose for dad wasn't any different than any other. Rows of white-haired old folks, strapped in their wheel chairs, lined the seemingly endless hallways. There they'd sit waiting for a familiar face to brighten their otherwise dull day. Most of the time it was a cheerful smile or the warm touch of a stranger's hand that would spark their hearts happy.

My father slowly became one of those lost souls who would stare blankly at his children as if they were total strangers. Middle-age children are not always ready or prepared to deal with all the stresses that come when an aging parent becomes incoherent. But I found out that, ready or not, there are definite issues that must be dealt with.

Dad worked hard all his life, proud of the modest home he provided for his family. As is frequently customary, dad's home went towards payment at the nursing facility.

When dad died after living there about three years, my brother's, sister and I became aware of what a financial burden an illness like Alzheimer's can be. It has become a reality in this day and age that we are living longer, more productive lives. We baby boomers need more than life insurance to help ensure that our lives don't become a financial burden to our families. We're finding that out now and hopefully we'll be able to be prepared, when and if a devastating illness should befall us in our golden years.

Terri Tomasik, owner of Westpoint Insurance Group, knows the importance of being financially prepared in the event of such a tragedy. Teri sells Long Term Care Insurance, that would help defray the cost of nursing home care. It's hard enough on children to deal with the emotional devastation of a parent's illness. But by planning now we can at least have some sort of control over the financial stress that can burden an already helpless situation. And that's where Terri can be very helpful to you. If you would like to speak with her about Long Term Care Insurance or any other insurance needs, you can call her office 708-430-2200. You'll find the experience truly helpful and very informative.

Though growing old is not a subject we like to think about, especially when some of us are still busy raising families, but it is something we all must face. Knowing that we can provide security in an otherwise bleak situation, can make a world of difference, not only for our own peace of mind, but to our children's peace of mind as well.

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First Lady to be Honorary Chair

Chicago Child Care Society, the oldest Illinois child welfare agency, announced that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will serve as Honorary Chair for their 150th anniversary celebration.

"Child welfare is an issue I have cared about for more than half my life," Mrs. Clinton said, "Chicago Child Care Society is among the real heroes of continuing efforts to ensure that children and families are given the chance for each their God given promise."

The Sesquicentennial Dinner on November 9, 1999, chaired by William A. Osborn, chairman and chief executive officer of Northern Trust Company, will take place at the Chicago Hilton and Towers to mark 150 years of the agency's service to children and families in Illinois.

For much of its history, CCCS has continually identified and filled emerging gaps in childcare. Since opening its doors, the agency has adapted quickly to societal shifts and demonstrated

a unique ability to continually reinvent the organization with programs that address altered environments.

Founded by Chicago's most prominent and socially important civic leaders to address the urgent need of providing homes for children whose parents succumbed to the cholera epidemic in 1849, Chicago Child Care Society has continually provided a strong network of nurturing and caring for children and families. Over its history, the agency has stayed ahead of the curve in child welfare, providing group homes in the early 1900's, transracial

adoption in the 1960's, and, more recently, prevention programs and local area family support networks. In 1991, CCCS received The Chicago Community Trust James Brown Ford IV Annual Award of Excellence for Outstanding Community Service for their outstanding programs in family-prevention services, adoption, foster care, day care, teen pregnancy counseling and research.

Church holds rummage sale

The St. Helen Women's Philoptochos Rummage Sale at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, 10025 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills, will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information call (708) 974-3400.



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Participants will learn hands-on finishing for wood, including crackle finish, verdigris, and splashed marble, as well as great decorating ideas for reviving old furniture or unfinished wood.

For more information, call the Workforce Development and Community Services Department at (708) 974-5745. To register, call the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office at (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556).

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By Margo E. Schreiber, Director
Illinois Department on Aging

Seniors Ask

Question: Now that fall is here, I'm wondering if I should get a flu shot. I'm over 65, and I keep hearing that I'm more at risk of getting the flu, but does that mean stomach flu, or does it mean something different? Would you please tell me what I need to know about flu and flu shots?

Answer: First of all, "flu" is the short name for influenza. Many coughs, colds and upset stomachs are mistakenly called the flu. According to public health authorities, the flu is actually a highly contagious viral infection of the nose, throat and lungs that ranks as one of the most severe illnesses of the winter season. With the flu, you usually get sick suddenly and have a fever, often with chills, headache, dry cough, sore throat and body aches.

All people 65 years of age and older and those with long-term health problems are at increased risk for serious illness with the flu and should get a flu shot this fall—before the season starts. Family members and

individuals who provide care to high-risk persons at home should also get a flu shot. It is necessary to receive a flu shot every year because protection from the vaccine is effective for only one year. In addition, the strains of virus vary from year-to-year. The flu season typically runs November through April.

It's important to understand that you cannot catch the flu from the vaccine. Today's flu vaccine is safe and effective. However, persons who are allergic to eggs or have a fever should check with their physicians before receiving the vaccine. Vaccines produced from the 1940s to the mid-1960's were not as highly purified as modern flu vaccines and did produce some unpleasant side effects. You might get a sore arm from the shot or a mild reaction, but this is not the flu.

Even if you receive a flu shot, it's not a total guarantee that you won't get the flu. However, in most cases, they do reduce the severity of symptoms and protect against complications that

may develop as a result of the virus.

You can get a flu shot at your doctor's office or from your local health department. Flu shots are a Medicare Part B benefit.

Question: Fall is the time of year when I start worrying about upcoming heating bills. Sometimes I wonder if my home is insulated the way it should be, but I can't really afford the high cost of making it energy efficient. What kinds of financial benefits are available to help?

Answer: The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs has two programs that you should know about—The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP). Both are administered by local community action or not-for-profit agencies across the state. Applications for both programs should be completed before the cold weather sets in.

LIHEAP offers a onetime

benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and geographic location. In order to be eligible, your household's combined income must be at or below 125% of the Federal poverty guidelines. (For example, for one person, this would mean a monthly income of \$858, or for two persons, \$1,152; the more persons in the family, the higher allowable monthly income). If you rent and your heat and/or electric is included in the rent, then your rent must be greater than 30% of your income in order to be eligible.

IHWAP is designed to help low-income residents have more energy efficient homes. Typical kinds of weatherization that may be handled include sealing cracks with weather stripping and caulk, insulating attics and walls, and repairing windows and doors. Furnace work may also be provided. Weatherization services are free to households that are eligible for LIHEAP; to those who have

an occupant receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Aid to Aged, Blind, and Disabled; or to those with specified annual incomes. (For example, an income of \$10,300 for one person, \$13,825 for two persons, etc.) Renters may be assisted if they are eligible, but a 50% landlord contribution for weatherization work is required.

To find out how to apply for the services, contact your local community action agency or call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. Outside the city of Chicago, the toll-free number is 1-800-252-8643, and in the city of Chicago, call 312/456-4100. The TDD number is 1-800-785-6055.

Further information about services available for older people and their families can be obtained by writing to: "Seniors Ask" c/o Margo E. Schreiber, Illinois Department on Aging, 421 E. Capitol, #100, Springfield, IL 62701-1789.

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You may just be starting your fall trimester or completing your summer graduation, but it's never too early to consider the possibilities of an education at Governors State University.

GSU is opening its doors to area prospective students on Nov. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon for Discovery Day.

All of the colleges within the university - Education, Arts and Sciences, Health Professions and Business and Public Administration - will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about their programs. Tours of the facilities will also be available for interested students.

And if you have any questions about on-campus activities, clubs or events, the staff of Student Affairs will also be on hand to give you the necessary information.

For further information on the event or to register, call (708) 534-4490, e-mail at gsunow@govst.edu or visit the website at www.govst.edu.

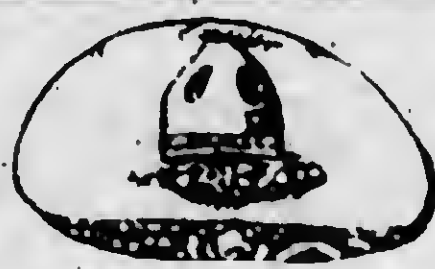


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What are they smoking?

Following the lead of Representative Bobby Rush who rejected the DC Appropriations Conference Report, President Clinton vetoes this legislation because it will keep marijuana illegal in the nation's capital.

Rush and the Clinton-Gore Administration sacrificed programs to help DC kids go to college, get foster children into loving, permanent homes, crack down on drug offenders, reduce the size of DC's bloated government and clean up the environmentally disastrous Anacostia River because this legislation keeps illegal drugs illegal.

"President Clinton has just surrendered in America's war against drugs," said Representative Ernest Istook (OK-5), Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for the District of Columbia. "This is about legalizing drugs in the nation's capital, and using that as a stepping-stone for the rest of the country. Everyone who cares about combating drugs should be sickened by the Clinton veto. You can't have

a war on drugs if the President turns the nation's capital into a sanctuary," added Istook.

Democrats claim that this is a medical issue, and the drug would be used for medical purposes. The truth is that a new DC law legalizing marijuana would not repair a doctor's prescription and in some cases even requires government to provide the marijuana at taxpayers expense.

By encouraging a veto, Rush and other House Democrats see this as a political opportunity to prevent Republicans from passing meaningful legislation for DC residents, and they are sacrificing America's war on drugs to do so.

Debbie K. releases first CD

Debbie K. releases her first CD with a debut concert and reception on Saturday, October 9th at 7 p.m. at the Manilow Theatre (Freedom Hall) located at 410 Lakewood Blvd. in Park Forest, IL. This special night of music will include ten original Christian contemporary songs from her CD, a live acoustic band, favorite Broadway show tunes, and a choir. The evening will conclude with a reception for all attendees.

The former "Miss Chicago" (originally from the Scottsdale area) has also hosted the nationally televised music video show "Solid Rock video." In ad-

New service to help locate holistic health care info

Now there is a free on-line and toll-free service to help people quickly locate holistic health care information and professionals in the Chicagoland area. The service, call The Wellness Information Network, is the creation of Chad Soderholm, the son of ex-Chicago White Sox player, Eric Soderholm.

"When I was unable to find a single reliable source

to locate information on natural, alternative healthcare and holistic practitioners, I saw an opportunity to create an internet-based resource and toll-free phone service that would cover every neighborhood in the country," says wellness information network founder and president, Chad Soderholm. "The alternative health options have become vast and public interest is peaking. We now have an avenue to inform and direct the public to all of these new, available health resources," added Soderholm.

The service has been under development for over a year, and includes a state-of-the-art Internet site and a toll-free phone system where the public can gather information on ailments, holistic treatments, and practitioners in your area. A multimedia advertising campaign will launch the service during the month of September in the Chicagoland area, followed shortly by other major cities.

You can find the Wellness Information Network on the web at www.wellnessinformation.com or non-surfers can call the toll-free number at 1-877-WELL-INFO.

Girl Scouts back to meetings

The start of the school year is synonymous with the start of Girl Scouting. All girls from five to seventeen years old who are interested in the Girl Scout program are welcome to join.

A special feature of Girl Scouting is its emphasis on helping girls grow strong in a variety of ways. Through many different kinds of activities, the program offers girls fun, the chance to make new friends, build skills and develop leadership ability. Emphasis is also placed on community service and building values.

Girl Scouting is the world's preeminent organization for girls in the South Cook County Council, special activities are offered in addition to troop activities. In the past girls have had the chance for such things as hands-on experience in the use of household tools, and learning about jump-roping and swing-dancing as fun ways to exercise. Girl Scouts have done such things as visiting Chicago's museums, seeing live theater, learning about good health practices, and have been encouraged to explore science and technology activities.

Adult volunteers work directly with the girls in troops or groups to carry out the program. The Council Service Center in Homewood provides support services including a variety of workshops in basic leadership skills, conflict management, crafts, outdoor skills, and other topics. Training is usually offered free of charge.

Girl Scouts have the use of two special facilities - Camp Palos, a troop camp near Palos Park, and the Friendship Center near Country Club Hills. The Friendship Center has a calendar of special theme-activities on weekends throughout the year.

For more information about membership in Girl Scouting, call the South Cook County Council at 708/957-8100.

Military News

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ronald Pavlick, son of Thomas and Barbara Pavlick of Burbank, was recently selected as Recruiter of the Quarter with Naval Reserve Recruiting Command Detachment Two, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL and received a Letter of Commendation.

Pavlick was chosen as the top performer and was cited for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing.

The 1988 graduate of Reavis High School joined the Navy in February 1989.

Fall Craft Fair at Lourdes

The Parents Club at Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street, will be hosting a Fall Craft Fair on October 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters are needed for this event. The cost of each table is \$25.00. All crafters must be 18 years of age or older. Deadline for reservations is October 13.

To request an application form please contact Adele Bulow at (773) 581-2555 or (773) 581-1679. All proceeds benefit Lourdes High School Parents Club.

dition to her performing, Debbie is also the Chicago Producer for many national TV shows including "Extra" "VH-1," "Lifetime Television" and "E!"

Debbie, who has been very busy performing around the state at various festivals, churches, and special events, will now be debuting her own music. Don't miss this event! Local actor/comedian John Evers will be emceeing the concert. Tickets cost \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 5 - 12 (kids under 5 years old are free.) Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information please call 708-592-3242.

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The forum features nationally-renowned speakers:

Dr. Clare Hassler, Executive Director of the Functional Foods for Health Institute, joint program of the University of Illinois at Chicago and at Urbana-Champaign. Hassler is a noted expert and frequent speaker on the role of nutrition in the prevention of disease.

Dr. Carl Hastings, noted food scientist and world-renowned authority on soy protein and its benefits. Dr. Hastings has invested 30 years researching the role of nutrition in human health and developing food products that promote health.

Dr. Stephen Pfeifer, a board-certified family practice physician in Indianapolis. Dr. Pfeifer runs a nutrition-centered practice that focuses on prevention through lifestyle choices.

These health and nutrition specialists will offer you the latest health information, ideas on how to juggle family, home and career with less stress, and ways to energize and invigorate with time out for yourself.

The Women's Wellness Forum is sponsored by Reliv International Inc., a manufacturer and marketer of high quality nutritional supplements and soy food products headquartered in Chesterfield, MO.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Our Lady of the Snows presents "Dreamstreet"

"Dreamstreet," an original musical comedy written by Ron Koziel and Phil LoPresti, will be presented by Our Lady of the Snows parishioners on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 8, 9 and 10 in Kinsella Hall, 4810 S. Leamington Avenue. The adults only performances on Friday and Saturday will include a catered dinner and complimentary drink. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Show time will be 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. There will be a cash bar on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The special Sunday family matinee will feature a 2 p.m. Performance with food and soft drinks available before the show and at inter-

mission. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Pre-sale show tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children (3-12). At the door, adults will be \$11.00 and children (3-12) \$7.00.

Advance tickets for your musical journey down Broadway will be available by calling Geri at (773)735-1627, Lillian at (773)582-8224 or Francine at (708) 594-1530. Tables of at least 6 may be reserved around the central stage.

"Dreamstreet," directed by Phil LoPresti and Barbara Schubrych and produced by Rev. James A. Mezydlo, Pastor, will feature music from the 40's through the 90's, arranged and performed by John O'Keefe. The dance sequences of the

talented cast, made up of over 30 adults and young adults, are choreographed by Susan Kulik, the parish Music Director.

This gala weekend is part of Our Lady of the Snows Countdown to the Millennium Celebration. Ticket sales proceeds and the accompanying ad book/program will raise funds for parish social and community programs and future maintenance of parish structures.

Nurse Garstka retires

Mary Ann Garstka has retired after eight years as a public health nurse at Stickney Township. Her husband, Chester, a pharmacist at Dominick's, retired at the same time and they plan to do a lot of traveling. They have three children and seven grandchildren and have been married for 23 years.



"Vikings Visits" begin at St. Laurence

St. Laurence High School kicked off its "Viking Visits" program for the new academic school year. Seventh and eighth grade boys are invited to spend a day on campus to tour the school's academic and athletic facilities, participate in classroom activities, and receive hands-on experience from the most up-to-date science and computer technology. They will also meet faculty, learn about the school's rich tradition, and about important role St. Laurence will play in their high school education. Pictured on a "Viking Visit" are students from St. Jane de Chantal grade school and current Vikings who served as tour guides for the day. For information on "Viking Visits," contact the school at 708-458-6900, ext. 237.

AARP Grandparent Information Center fills a need

The ever-changing lifestyles of American families and some of the problems that are related to these changes has created a new meaning for what it is to be a grandparent.

Single parents, parents separated by divorce, working parents and a host of other conditions have placed grandparents across the country in a position they thought would never happen again. They are raising their grandchildren.

The growth of this lifestyle change prompted AARP and the Brookdale Foundation Group to create the Grandparent Information Center in Washington, DC to help grandparents find assistance raising their grandchild or grandchildren. Grandparents facing the prospect of caring full time for their grandchildren must think through what they want to do, what they are able to do, and what must be done to be a successful "parent," again.

AARP's Grandparent In-

formation Center (GIC) is a perfect beginning to get questions answered, obtain material on specific subjects such as legal issues, financial issues, child care, medical care and insurance, schooling as well as psychological and emotional issues for grandchildren.

The Information Center is an information and referral clearinghouse where grandparents, service providers and planners can obtain information, publications, and referral to available national and local resources. The center develops publications on legal, social, health and financial issues affecting grandparent caregivers. The Center conducts a public awareness educational campaign about the special problems grandparents face as the primary caregivers to their grandchildren.

If you are a grandparent who has become the primary caregiver for your grandchild or children, help is available. Every community

has organizations both public and private that will be able to provide support in one form or another. A grandparent needs to check to see if there are social services specifically designed to help in the care of children. These organizations can vary greatly from community to community and state to state.

"Caring for a grandchild is a rewarding but stressful task," says H. Jerry Borger, Illinois AARP acting state president. "Grandparents must be careful not to let their health and well-being slip while attending to the needs of grandchildren."

A key in maintaining a proper health regime is to determine if your community has a grandparents support group. If one exists, you will find a support group offers a place to share information, and feelings, with peers going through the same experiences. If one doesn't exist, consider starting one. Information on how to start

a grandparenting support group is available from AARP's Grandparent Information center.

Rekindling the same enthusiasm and patience needed to raise your grandchildren that you had when raising your children is a major transition. AARP's Grandparent Information Center and a support group can help make this transition more comfortable and meaningful for both the grandparent and grandchild.

Some publications available include: Grandparents Raising Their grandchildren, Starting a Support Group, Raising Healthy Grandchildren, Parenting Grandchildren - A Voice for Grandparents, Welfare Reform and Your Family.

To order call or write: AARP Grandparent Information Center, 601 E. Street NW, Washington, DC 20049. Telephone (202) 434-6474. Please refer to the number opposite each publication.

The Visit

On a visit to my sister, Helen,
In her longtime home, an Alzheimer ward,
"Hello," I say, but she seems unaware,
Giving me only a vague, mindless stare.

"I don't know you," is her testy reply.
"I'm Nina, your sister, I thought I'd come by,"
hen, as I kiss her and give her a hug,
She shys away from me with a shrug.

She seeming somewhere else, so far away,
Making me wonder what I should say.
Some others sitting around, watching T.V.
I asked myself, "Just how much do they see?"

At a ring of a bell, breaking the spell,
It was time for lunch. All rushed pell mell.
I was left there alone without a farewell,
With those empty chairs in the Alzheimer Hell.

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Southwest Highway Bridge to reopen on time

By: F.J. Soczek

Motorists will no longer be forced to take the "scenic route" through the side-streets of Chicago Ridge in their detour around the Southwest Highway bridge construction project.

Finishing their work ahead of schedule, workers from the highway department recently removed the much dreaded "Bridge Out" signs and barricades, restoring a steady flow of traffic across the strategic span serving the south suburbs.

Unlike the Oak Lawn Central Ave. & 111th Street fiasco that dragged on for several years, the Chicago Ridge construction was accomplished in an exceptionally efficient time frame.

First closed to thru-traffic in early April, the 65 year old bridge crossing Stony Creek and adjacent railroad tracks was structurally rebuilt with a \$2 million, ground-up restoration.

The timing of the project completion could not have been better for the merchants at Chicago Ridge Mall and the Commons, as the peak, "back to school" shopping season is now underway.

Travel with one bag

The Palos-Orland Business and Professional Women's Club cordially invites all women to attend its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at Mama Vesuvio East, 6861 College Drive, Palos Heights, at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) with a 7:30 p.m. (presentation). The cost is \$15.00 per person.

For over thirty years, women's boutique owner, Lynn Portnoy, has been traveling, packing suitcases and telling other women of her experiences. Now she has published the first of a series of travel planners entitled, *Going Like Lynn-Paris*.

Reservations for dinner can be made calling Miriam Wallace at 708/598-6866; for membership information call Carole Valentino at 708/974-1102.

Teen Paint Ball Trip

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to Challenge Park for Paint Ball on Monday, October 11 (no school, Columbus Day). The bus will leave the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St., at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch is on your own. Register now at the park department. For information call 430-4500.

these employees were possibly the hardest working group in the area, but also one of the lowest paid. Worse yet, they had been working without a contract since May. Mayor Bilder and the board has passed on many kudos and thank yous for their dedication, but kudos don't feed one's family.

After listening to what they had to say and taking notes, I changed the subject. At the last Board Meeting I attended, residents living next to Water's Edge voiced concerns about health hazards caused by the dust blowing off the ball fields. Georgia Duffy and remarked that the Public Works employees had worked the site for two years and had not gotten sick. "You know what?" a crane operator said, "I spend eight to ten hours here five to six days a week, and then I go home. I don't live with this for twenty four hours. I feel sorry for those people." He waved at the homes across the street. "I'm covered with dust when I leave here. Sometimes I have to take three or four showers when I get home, just to get it all off of me."

I crossed the street. Traveling up 115th Street, I took in a slew of yard signs. "Lies, lies, lies. What next?" "Boats belong on the water. Not 115th Street." "How many lies does it take to build a golf course?" "Elvis has landed."

I stopped Kim as she unloaded her car. Has she or her family experienced medical problems because of the dust blowing off of the complex across the street within the past tow years. Yes, her son had developed breathing problems. He snores in his sleep, which was something he had never done prior. His doctor said that his nasal passages wee swollen, and could possibly be caused by an allergy. The doctor prescribed blonase and seldane, and neither worked. And no, it doesn't matter what the test results say, she doesn't feel safe.

Dust has been blowing across the street for two years and trucks have flown through signs without regard to pedestrians.

Cindy told me about how she used to watch deer graze on that land before the village developed the area. "If it helps the village, wonderful," she said. She's noticed it more during the months of June and July this year when sludge came in from the M.W.R.D. She pointed out a pile still waiting to be tilled into the ground.

Testing had been completed, first by SEECO Environmental of Tinley Park, and secondly by the M.W.R.D. Mark Santangelo of SEECO explained that his company had been fired by the village to test the soil from the golf course, the driving range and the ball fields. They took one sample from each location and tested for total chromium, which they felt were within the guidelines set out by T.A.C.O., which is Tiered Approach to Clean up Objectives, a program approved by the U.S.E.P.A. The first step or tier, is establishing what are safe levels of pathogens, in this case chromium, in the soil. Secondly, is establishing site specific information and how it will affect the neighboring environment. Ground water is not a factor as Worth uses Chicago water and people do not live on the property. The next tier is establishing a plan, pre-approved by the I.L.E.P.A., to clean up or restrict the spread of the pollutant. In this case, SEECO established that in the three sites tested, the chromium counts were below danger levels.

The M.W.R.D. presented their findings the September 21, Board Meeting. Soil scientist, Tom Granado, help up charts indicating how eight samples were taken from the ball fields and tested on September 9. Prior samples had been taken and kept, and retested, first for total chromium, and then for hexavalent chromium. He

explained that there are two types of chromium in question here. First is hexavalent, which is a pathogen. Treatment and drying of bio-solids, or sludge, should eliminate hexavalent chromium from the sludge. The second type of chromium is called trivalent chromium. This is not a pathogen, but it is a antagonist. For that reason, trivalent chromium is not tested. Testing concluded that the chromium brought into Worth had 472 parts per million total chromium, and 0.04 hexavalent chromium parts per million. After churning the bio-solids into the clay below it, the total parts per million dropped substantially. According to Mr. Granado, these levels are safe enough to grow vegetables.

My opinion? Trivalent chromium might not be a pathogen, but as the man said, it is an antagonist. People with real medical problems might not be coming up with new problems, but blowing dust containing an antagonist could worsen existing conditions. I also think that the people who have had to deal with blowing dust deserves some kind of compensation from he village, even if only an apology.

Also of note, the project to widen 115th Street west of Harlem was discussed. The engineer from Robinson Engineering offered three possibilities. First, was simply widening the street. The second option called for a medium separating the homes on 115th Street and thru traffic. The residents present agreed that this was what they wanted as they were concerned about children playing the the area, and about boaters taking other routes onto Harlem. The third option offered a medium as well, but brought it to an end before the Terrace Center. Mayor Bilder promised that area residents would be polled and the street would be widened according to their wishes.

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Worth the dust and other things

by Jude Coyle

I wandered through Worth on Friday, September 17. My mission was to harvest opinions concerning the safety of living across from Water's Edge Golf Course. It was a beautiful early fall day, warm, sunny, and just perfect for Mayor Bilder's Golf Outing.

As the Mayor and his sup-

porters enjoyed themselves, outside Village Public Works employees staged an information strike during their breaks and lunch hours. Dan Baisden, Union Representative for S.E.I.U., Local 73, explained how the Public Works Department employees had helped to build the golf course. They had

saved the village thousands by doing work, like building the Harlem golf cart underpass, helping to shape the berms, the ball fields, and by plowing sludge into the blue clay brought from the Midwest Water Reclamation District property in Hickory Hills. Baisden explained that

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'In house' decisions for building and zoning law violations

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees unanimously approved an ordinance that would allow "in house" administrative adjudication of building and zoning law violations.

The new law is an amendment to an existing ordinance (Title 11, Chapter 11, Oak Lawn Village Code) that allows the municipality the authority to hear and adjudicate cases involving certain vehicle-related offenses, such as parking and Village sticker compliance.

The new authority is based on a legal interpretation of Public Act 90-0516 by Julie Heuberger of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd., legal counsel for the Village.

Asserting the current "in house" methodology for enforcement of vehicle related violations has, according to the Board of Trustees "proven to be a fair, efficient and effective means of adjudicating violations occurring in the Village," Heuberger cited State of Illinois "Home rule" Code:

"A municipality may administratively adjudicate violations of certain other Village Code provisions with the exception of moving vehicle violations."

Heuberger further supports her legal opinion with the broad, sweeping language of the Illinois Constitution:

"A home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs...the powers and functions of home rule units shall be

construed liberally...."

Decisions made by local Hearing Officers are generally binding. An appeal of the Hearing Officer's decision must be filed within 14 days. The grounds for setting aside a determination of liability are "limited" to the following: The person against whom the judgement was made was not the registered owner at the time the violation notice was issued; in cases of vehicular violations, the fine was paid before the determination of liability; in cases of building and zoning code violations, the person against whom the determination of liability was made has no interest in the property and an excusable failure to appear or request a date for a hearing.

The "Final Determination" is binding, unless an appeal for an Administrative Review is filed with the Circuit Court within 35 days.

In cases involving Village Code violations (other than vehicular regulations) the person failing to comply may be ordered to pay court costs, attorney's fees and costs related to property demolition and foreclosure. Liens may be imposed on real estate or personal estate (or both) and may be enforced as prescribed by Illinois Civil Procedure or the Uniform Commercial Code.

The Hearing Officer and Associate Hearing Officers who adjudicate Village code are appointed by the Village President and Board of Trustees, and are compensated with Village funds.

According to the amended ordinance drafted by legal

counsel Heuberger, the Hearing Officer is required to be "an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois for at least 3 years."

The draft makes no mention of any formal legal training or a license to practice law for "Associate" Hearing Officers, who make decisions involving vehicular regulation violations.

Associate Hearing Officers do not have the authority to hear Village code violation charges.

Once again, Mayor Kolb proclaimed October 23-30 to be official *Red Ribbon Week* in support of the annual program promoting drug abuse awareness. Students from various local schools passed out red ribbons to the Village Board and members of the audience as reminders of the theme, *The Future is for me, drug and violence free.*

Despite protests of residents living near the Oak Lawn Lake, the Board unanimously approved an additional \$33,000 for an aeration system to promote the development of plant and fish life.

Neighbor Andy Skoundrianos asserted that despite the 1.8 million dollars spent thus far, the current results have failed to meet the design characteristics promised at the project's inception. Skoundrianos noted flaws in the structural support walls, deficient plantings and overall poor water quality. Other residents complained about the barrenness and aesthetic flaws attributed to the removal of existing trees and plant life.



St. Albert meets their goals

photo by Annette Dixon

Pictured from left to right are Sharon O'Donnell, Monica Zrelinski, Charlotte Lagodny. The craft fair was a success thanks to Monica, chairing this event and Sharon as the organizer and Charlotte in the kitchen. (The type of ladies they were, they wanted more pictures of all the workers.) Sorry Ladies, I couldn't accomodate you. See you next year!

Oak Lawn girl speaks before S.W. Conference of Mayors

by Jude Coyle

According to Vickie Smith of Bedford Park, Sunny Passaglia of Oak Lawn presented herself well before the Southwest Conference of Local Government. Sunny, a seventh grader from McGugan Junior High School, still enjoys dressing up and trick or treating on Halloween. But after the tragedies of Columbine and other instances of teen age violence, she feels that the celebrations of Halloween should be moved up one day.

This year Halloween falls on Sunday, the Lord's day and a day of rest. This particular holiday, although our society has watered it down considerably, was originally a pagan celebration involving demons, ghouls, goblins and the like. Sunny feels that children should be able to go out and have their fun, but that

on Sunday, we should take time to remember the tragedies of the past year and to show our respect.

Vickie said that she could give Sunny time to speak, but didn't expect much cooperation. Most villages have already made plans. In spite of that, a resolution passed the Mayors' Council endorsing Sunny's proposal.

Mayor Dean Koldenhoven of Palos Heights offered her the most support. Unfortunately the City Council of Palos Heights voted against it. Most aldermen expressed the concern that changing days at this late date would create confusion. Mayor Koldenhoven called Sunny after the vote, and expressed his disappointment.

Sunny's mother, Jane Passaglia, has worked with the Mayors' concert for the Southwest Symphony. When Sunny spoke of her desire to

move Halloween celebrations up one day, Jane was able to get her daughter on the schedule to address the Southwest Council of Mayors. Sunny is an active twelve year old.

She's played soccer, tennis and volleyball. She is on the cross country team at McGugan and is planning to go out for track. She has two older siblings, a brother and a sister. Oh, and she says her favorite subjects at school are speaking and writing.

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Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

Religion, politics, and sex are three topics that columnist should not write about, but this publisher doesn't always follow the guidelines of a writer.

The exception to the case is the topic of religion.

There was a recent announcement from the Vatican that a representative of Pope John Paul II, and the Lutheran World Federation will meet in Germany at the end of the month to sign a theological declaration that salvation comes only through faith in God.

The dispute between Martin Luther, a former Catholic Monk and professor of theology and a parish priest, disagreed with the purchase of indulgences from parish priest, therefore declined the orders to not preach against this practise. Luther was called a heretic by the Catholic Church and his teachings denounced by the Vatican.

The division that took place was in 1517, when Luther

nailed his famous "Ninety-five Theses" onto the door of the castle church at Wittenburg, 60 miles from Berlin. The Vatican immediately labeled Luther's manifesto as heresy.

It was The Council of Trent which became the Catholic Church's official view of Luther and Protestantism.

During the 1960's the Second Vatican Council reassessed the meaning of salvation and spirituality to its people.

It was also after the 1960's the Second Vatican Council's theologians wiped away all injustice to the Jews by changing the wording regarding the condemnation of Jews for crucifying Jesus Christ.

A 482 year dispute between Catholics and Protestants regarding the salvation of one's soul may be resolved by the end of October when the Catholic and Lutheran leaders sign the declaration, and yet, there is no certainty that we will all become one in God.

The final draft is written and it is said the document has been accepted by church leaders representing 480 million Lutherans mostly concentrated in Germany, Scandinavia, and the U.S. Both Catholics and

Lutherans, officially accept a major theological consensus, thereby creating a single document-the Joint Declaration on Justification (Salvation) by Faith.

Mt. Zion holds annual arts & craft fair

The 20th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Mt. Zion Evangelical

Bridgeview Serves Dinner with Dracula

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit is accepting registration through October 16 for their 3rd Annual Dinner with Dracula special event taking place at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23.

The fee for this family Halloween event, which includes a pizza snack and beverage, goody bags for all children, costume contest and Great Pumpkin Hunt is \$3 for District youth 25 months to 8 years old. For district adults 9 years old and older, admission is \$5 each. The nonresident fee is \$8 per person.

Lutheran Church Women, will be held on Saturday, November 6th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 104th & Kostner in Oak Lawn.

Many handcrafted items will be available along with an assortment of home-baked goods. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact the church office at 708-423-6554 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.



knew he had to move, so in 1970 he moved to 6435 W. 111th St. where he and his family resided. In 1998, Al celebrated 50 years as owner of Veterans Barber Shop. It was until his death, he still cut hair. Al never gave up on anything he ever did, in fact he had many ideas to enhance the Worth Memorial.

He wanted the railroad overhang painted appropriately to blend in with the landscaping at the Memorial. He also wanted perpetual care for the Memorial site. He also wanted sod in the ruff near the railroad tracks to blend into the ground of the Memorial.

Yes, Al wanted a lot for the Memorial because he just did not want any of us to ever forget our fallen comrades.

Alfred Grajek was once employed as a Small Business Administrator, currently owner of Veterans Barber Shop, honored as Imperial Golden Rodent 1924-1974 of the National Order of Trench Rats, and the past commander of the China Burma India Veterans Association, Founder, administrator and ground keeper for Worth Memorial. The trustees of Veterans Memorial erected the Eternal Flame Monument in 1993 with the leadership of its founder Al Grajek.

Just as Al spent many days a week dedicating his life to Americans who fought in the wars and conflicts, he also worked at his business and enjoyed talking to everyone.

It was on Sunday, October 3rd, Al said his last words to his beloved comrades at the dedication of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Joliet. He suffered a massive heart attack and he was called by name.

For those who would like to remember the work of Alfred Grajek, please send a donation to the Memorial Fund at Founders Bank, 6825 West 111th St. Worth,

A legend dies at cemetery dedication

by Annette Dixon

When HE calls our name, we don't know when, where, who, what or why, all we know it is our time and we hope to be ready.

In 1974, I started with Village View Newspaper as a sales person, and Al Grajek was my customer. He was the owner of Veterans Barber Shop and we became well acquainted since Al enjoyed writing and would send all the local papers news releases about the Small Business Administration for he was a supervisor.

Al Grajek was well known as an advocate of veteran rights and also a commander of many posts. His name was known World wide as he was active in veterans affairs nationally and locally.

Honorable Jane Barnes at that time State Representative, along with Former Mayor Daniel Kuminga of Worth were instrumental in establishing the ground work for Al Grajek's dream, the for-get-me-not-memorial. "Our deceased comrades, POW's, and veterans will not be forgotten" stated many

times personally and in the press. It was his dream for many years to have the memorial for all fallen comrades from all the wars.

In 1976, Al Grajek received the decorative medal from the The Republic of China when China and the US fought against Japan.

Even at home war heroes were first given a parade but later lost communications with governmental bodies within suburban communi-

It was Al Grajek who fought for the rights of GI's everywhere. In 1946 after the war was over Al went back home to Chicago to help his uncle with his business. It was only a couple years later, with Al's enthusiasm and hard work ethics, he started his own barber shop. It was the infamous .50 hair cut at Veterans Barber Shop. That was the year of 1948 in the Roseland community.

Because of the problems



The Honorable Charles C. Chao (l) consul of the Republic of China located in Chicago, is shown making the presentation to Alfred W. Grajek, in behalf of his excellency, Ambassador James C. H. Shen, Washington, D.C. The arrangements for the presentation between the governments and the recipient was made by the Consul General of Chicago, Hough H. Young.

Peace cross country runs for Cystic Fibrosis

In the spirit of collaboration, Queen of Peace cross country runners were joined by runners from Mother McAuley and Brother Rice High School to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Family Foundation. This pioneer fund-raiser for the newly formalized organization ran in conjunction with the Chicago Marathon. The fund-raiser netted approximately \$25,000 which will be used to provide financial assistance to families of pre and post lung transplant patients.

"Families of transplant patients are often required to leave their homes and relocate for several months prior to and after transplant surgery. The financial burden of supporting their household while living away from home is overwhelming," explained Evergreen Park resident and organizer Bill Gaussein.

Gaussein knows from personal experience the devastating effects of cystic fibrosis. The father of nine has

lost two daughters to the disease. Virginia Marie Gaussein, a Peace alum, and Julie Gaussein Murphy, Julie, a transplant patient, died after spending six months in St. Louis hospital. During that time, her parents and her husband relocated to be with her.

While in St. Louis, the Gausseins met many other families in the same difficult situation. Since the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation supports only research and development, the Gausseins founded the Cystic Family Foundation.

Getting the word out about Medicare Buy-In Program

In Illinois, less than half of those eligible for Medicare buy-in programs are enrolled. This same problem exists in most other states across the country. As a result, there is a national initiative to address the number of enrollees through activities that include beneficiary education, outreach and identifying/eliminating barriers to enrollment.

Representatives from the Department of Public Aid will conduct the session and will provide information on eligibility, distribute the latest written materials and discuss ways of increasing Medicare buy-in enrollment. Aging network providers who are in an excellent position to promote the Medicare buy-in program to help low income seniors meet their medical needs are urged to attend.

This special session is being offered as part of the Governor's Conference at no additional cost.

Card and Beanie Baby Show

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation department is sponsoring a card and beanie baby show on Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The fee for a space (6'x6') with table is \$15. The show will be held at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St.

Admissions is free for anyone interested in attending. Stop by and register early at the Palos Hills Park Department. For information call 430-4500.

Free Thanksgiving day dinner

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 West 120 Street in Alsip announces there will be a 3rd annual FREE Thanksgiving Day Dinner on November 25th at 1 P.M.

Many individuals and/or families spend this holiday along as they either have no families or their families are in other states.

For just a phone call to reserve a spot, you can have an afternoon of fun. We will have dinners at 2 P.M. with games following until 6 P.M.

All you need to do is call the church at (708) 597-5209 and give them the family name and how many people will be attending. The deadline for registration is November 19th.



Queen of Peace cross country runners were happy to participate in the fund-raiser for cystic fibrosis. They are: (row 1) Colleen Klus (5500/83rd St.), Erin Ramsden (84th Kolila), (row 2) Christine Schmidt (77th Knox) and Johanna Maliney (Evergreen Park), (Row 3) Carly Doyle (Worth), Delilah Dicrescenzo (7000/64th place) and Vicky Gonzalez (6000/Fairfield) and (top row) Meghan Sheehan (Oak Lawn), Meghan McShane (81st Kildare) and Lisa Freund (83rd Karlov).

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Berra, Larry, Tedd Greenwood; Diana, Lara Moffet; Don, Parrish Collier; Greg, Paul Sullinger; Judy, Angela Berry; Larry, Tedd Greenwood; Maggie, Cathy Calahan; Mark, Omar Brancato; Mike, Scott Allen Jones; Paul, Anthony Hite; Val, Tammy Mader; Zach, Rudy Hogenmiller. Through spectacular dances and staging by Michael Bennet, a poignant book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante and massaged by its powerful music and lyrics by Marvin Hamlisch and Edward Kieban, Chorus Line stood for the supremacy of the individual, for the right of any member of an ensemble to have his own integrity and dreams. Direnction by Drury Lane's Artistic Director,

Marc Robin, who is in his ninth year of affiliation with this theater, received critical acclaim for his direction and choreography for the prior standout vehicle *THE ALL NIGHT STRUT*, for which he received critical acclaim. He has received 15 Joseph Jefferson nominations, resulting in five Awards and five After Dark Awards. Choreography created by Rudy Hogenmiller stayed true to the heart and vision of Michael Bennet's original concept while adapting the show to the Drury Lane's in-the-round playing arena.

From the opening number "I Hope I Get It" with the entire company participating, the audience was deeply attentive. Other special numbers were *At the Ballet: Sing: Dance, Ten, Looks, Three*, and the phenomenal *ONE* and *What I Did For Love*.

It was a nice surprise to have the show run without an intermission...just two and a half hours. I can do that...and I did! It's a wonder there

weren't fireworks after the show! It was sooo good! Located in Evergreen Park at 2500 W. 95th Street, call 708-422-0404 for tickets. The theatre complex is wheelchair accessible.

Coming attractions at Drury Lane: Debbie Reynolds in concert October 18 through October 24th, 1999. Millenium on Ice, November 2 through January 16, 2000.

If you like Cole Porter, Prologue Theater will present *COLE*, Songs of Cole Porter at the Theatre Building, 1225 W. Belmont running through October 24. Call 773-327-5252.

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Senator Jones Jr. addresses Lions Club

Senator Emil Jones, Jr., the Democratic Leader of the Illinois State Senate, will speak before the Beverly Ridge Lions Club, Thursday, October 21, following a 12 noon luncheon at the Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western Ave.

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Journey through time

Father Bill O'Brien, a native Chicago, who has ministered in various parishes and Archdioceses offices, will conduct the annual mission of Our Lady of the Snows parish, 4810 S. Leamington Avenue, on Monday, October 18th through Thurs., Oct. 21 st. at 7:00 PM each evening in the church.

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"Vampires" presentation at the Oak Lawn Library

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Mr. Riccardo, Director of Vampire Studies, has written and lectured on the subject of



Martin V. Riccardo

vampires for more than 20 years. Riccardo is also a behavioral hypnotist and the author of "Vampires Unearthed," "The Lure of the Vampire," "Mystical Consciousness" and "Liquid Dreams of Vampires."

For More Information contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708)422-4990

Sheriff offers Halloween safety tips

With Halloween approaching, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan has issued a series of safety tips to promote a safe Halloween.

The Sheriff recommends parents to start with the costumes.

Face makeup is preferable to masks, but if a mask is necessary, be sure it has enlarged holes for breathing and vision. Check the length of the costume to prevent tripping, and discourage your

children from carrying sharp or pointed objects.

Young children should always be accompanied by an adult and older children should "trick or treat" in groups and should make their parents aware of the route

they intend to follow. It is a good idea to limit your children's "trick or treat" activities to friends and neighbors you know well.

Finally, when "trick or treating" is completed, parents should thoroughly inspect all candy before children are allowed to eat it. Discard all unwrapped candy. Apple and other fruit should be sliced several times before eating.

O. L. Park District fills October with Halloween fun

The month of October is full of fun activities for the whole family sponsored by the Oak Lawn Park District. Events include:

- **Halloween Hip Hop.** Oct. 22, Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.)

A Halloween dance from 7-9p.m. for persons with learning disabilities, mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Cost \$3 for residents, \$5 for non-residents.

- **Spookview.** Oct. 23rd, Oakview Center (4625 W. 111th St.)

The Oakview Center turns into a Halloween Fun House from 3-7p.m. Ghoulish games, Scare Stations and Creature Feature movies are just a few reasons your 12 and under child will have fun. Admission is free, Activity tickets are 25¢ per ticket.

- **Pumpkin Carving and Decorating.** October 26th, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.)

Bring your pumpkin, carving

utensils and imagination to Oakview from 6:30p.m.-8p.m. to create a jack-o-lantern. The park District will provide decorations, markers and refreshments. For ages 3-10. \$2 for residents, \$4 for non-residents.

- **Freaky Family Fun Night.** Oct. 29, Nature Center (9610 E. Lake Shore)

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- **Fright Night.** Oct. 29&30, The Basement Teen Center (9400 S. Oak Park Ave.)

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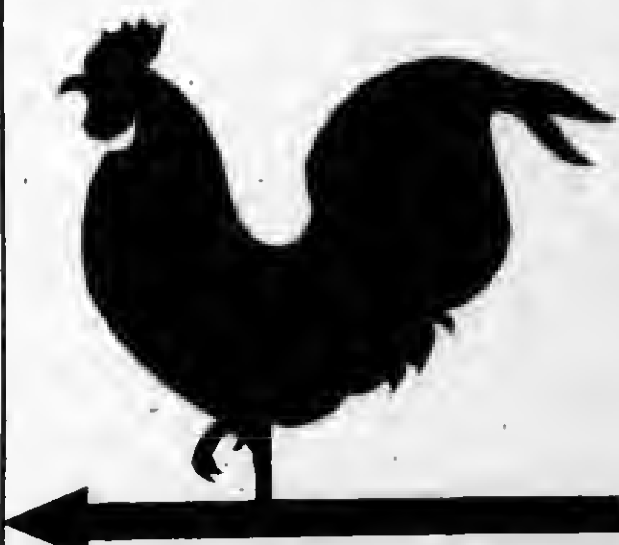
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Military News

Army Pvt. Jhoven Y. Corres has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. The new member of the division became airborne qualified after completing training at an Army airborne school. Each member of the 82nd performs duties according to the soldier's military occupational specialty or duty title. Corres is the son of Ruben S. Corres 4952 Spring Rd., Oak Lawn, IL. He is a 1997 graduate of Lincoln's Challenge, Rantoul, IL.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Issac J. Crawford, son of Sabrina Crawford of 4440 S. Cicero St., Chicago recently participated in the Ecuadorian and Peruvian phases of UNITAS while on a five-month South American deployment aboard the destroyer USS O'Bannon, home ported in Mayport, FL.

Army Spec. Michael F. Leary had graduated from the chaplain assistant advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.. The specialist earned distinction as an honor graduate of the course.

Leary is the son of Susan Dorgan of Oak Lawn, IL and Jim P. Leary of Arlington, Texas.

He is a 1998 graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Army Pvt. Christopher D. Montoya has graduated from the chemical operations specialist course at Fort McClellan, Anniston, AL. During the course, the soldier learned the operations and maintenance of smoke generating equipment; nuclear, biological and chemical identification/detection and decontamination equipment.

Montoya is the son of Henry F. and Midge E. Montoya of Oak Lawn and is a 1995 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Army Spec. Jan Bogdan has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. The new member of the division became airborne qualified after completing training at an Army airborne school. Each member of the 82nd performs duties according to the soldier's military occupational specialty or duty title.

Bogdan, a medical specialist, is the son of Jedoipa Bogdan of 5526 S. Mason, Chicago.

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Drop off place and time is School District 123 offices at 4201 W. 93rd St., Oak Lawn on Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 AM. until noon.

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Parents and students will be given an opportunity to meet the administration and faculty, get a tour of the facility, talk with counselors, and have their questions answered. They'll also be able to participate in small group discussion with the administrators. The faculty will be on hand to demonstrate what goes on in their classrooms, and the athletic and activity programs will be highlighted.

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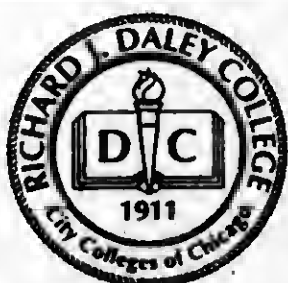
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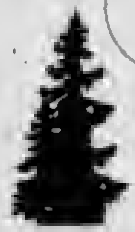
Parents and other caregivers and tots 12 months through five years old are invited to play at Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the full sized gym during Little Tykes Time. The fee for this weekly-unstructured playtime is \$2.50 per child per visit. An adult must accompany all children. A supervisor will be on duty.

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Marquette Bank participates in conference

Marquette National bank participated in the 86th Annual Conference of the Illinois Municipal League at the Chicago Hilton & Towers Hotel.

Over 3000 municipalities in Illinois received invitations to attend the two-day conference. The Bank's exhibit promoted its Government Finance Program, which is an alternative to bond issues for municipalities. Through the Government Finance Program, Marquette makes funding available for equipment, buildings and infrastructure. This includes: fire trucks, police cars, computer systems, telephone systems, even building structures and improvements to water and sewer lines. During the 2-day conference Marquette had over 400 attendees visit the exhibit.

The Government Finance Program is structured so that municipalities can get funding that is tailored to their needs, with quick approvals and competitive, tax-exempt interest rates. "We had an overwhelming positive response to our participation in the Illinois Municipal League Conference. The Municipal leaders that we met with over the two days at the show, were enthusiastic about our Government Finance Program and the cost efficient solution it provides for funding improvements in their communities," stated Howard Hutchinson, Director of Governmental Finance.

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Mayor Siegel shows off the new Municipal Complex

by Jude Coyle

Chicago Ridge Mayor Eugene Siegel called an early meeting of the Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees on October 5th, to discuss change orders on the new Municipal Complex at 105th and Ridgeland. According to Mayor Siegel, when new construction runs into problems, or new and better materials become available, plans are changed. The blueprints originally called for glass blocks to enclose the History Room. Unfortunately, the proper size couldn't be found, so a glass wall will be used instead. When the Illinois Department of Corrections came out with new standards, changes were made to upgrade an already state of the arts police department.

Again, the Board of Trustees approved a change in tiles for the Senior Center on the lower level.

Mayor Siegel and Ron Schaar, the Village's Project Superintendent, met me to show me the complex.

The Complex is actually two buildings that meet in the middle, each building forming one hump of an "M". According to Mr. Schaar, there are 150 doors in the Complex, and a total of 60 to

65,000 Sq. feet. We began at the front entrance.

Outside, workmen were building large flower boxes. A spot next to that had been set aside for a gazebo. Mayor Siegel explained that the building entrance is six feet higher than street level, and is handicap accessible. Steps and a circular drive lead to the entrance. A depiction of the village crest, will adorn the front door. Behind that, is a window overlooking the rear lower entrance. CR and an oak leaf will adorn the upper portion. This was another change order.

I was escorted through hallways on the upper floor. The Mayor's office, the Clerk's office, the Treasurer, administrative offices, the building department, the Public Works Department, conference rooms, and working space for the trustees, and other rooms lined that hall. According to Mayor Siegel, it is the first time that all departments will be located in one building.

The Council Room is a theater style auditorium, with the floor angling down towards the end of the room where the trustees and the Mayor will sit. A dome with skylights rises above the center of the room, and circular windows on two walls im-

mediately catches one's attention. This room will hold 150 people.

On the lower level, I was shown the Senior Center, which will have a complete kitchen. The History Room will be tucked into an odd corner in the lower level foyer. The boiler room holds enough units to allow each room to control heat and air conditioning individually.

We crossed over to the other building, which will become the Police Department. Mayor Siegel had spent sixteen years with the Sheriff's Department in Oak Lawn, as deputy sheriff. The new Chicago Ridge Police Department will exemplify

the building, he must be buzzed in. We toured a labyrinth of hallways and small rooms, and crossed through several doorways that will be secured. We inspected the squad room, men and women locker rooms, the control room, detective, sergeants, the Police Chief, and deputy Police Chiefs' offices. I saw interrogation rooms.

Suspects can be observed in rooms on either side of the interrogation rooms by two way glass. I saw the line up room, which is actually two rooms, again separated by two way glass. Mr. Schaar explained that height lines, like one sees on TV., will be painted on the walls.

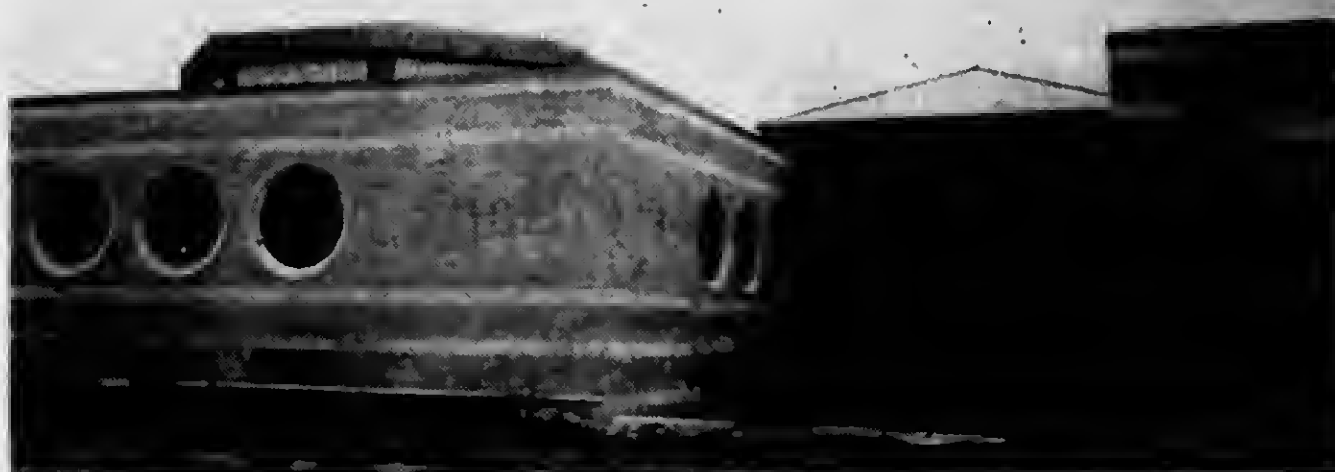
cars carrying prisoners will be secured inside the sally-port. If necessary, unruly prisoners can be escorted in to a secure room next to the sally-port and handcuffed to a metal bench. Cells are metal cubicles that had to be delivered whole and on flat bed trucks. There are three for women and five for men as well as a small mass cell. Mayor Siegel explained that in his day, those cells were expected to hold several more than they are allowed to hold today. He expressed confidence that prisoners will not escape this lockup. He showed me showers without doors. The Illinois Department of Corrections require

and hear. Phone calls will be charged to prisoners' home phones, and calls will be recorded, and automatically cut off after three minutes. The phones themselves are virtually indestructible.

The Youth Department is also located in the Police Department Building. It has a separate entrance through the back of the building, next to the senior entrance, both of which are handicap accessible. Mayor Siegel explained that a full time counselor is on duty to speak with at risk kids and their parents. This section has mostly meeting room and offices.

On the lower level Mayor Siegel proudly showed me one last room. It was huge, and empty. "We have so much room, we shouldn't have to move for another fifty years." He's considering making this into a rifle range later.

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The benefit for the orchestra will be titled "Beethoven & Barton," under the direction of David L. Crane. The evening will start with "Egmont Overture," then Rachel Barton performing the "Violin Overture," concluding the evening with "Symphony#5."

The concert will be performed in the Mother McAuley High School Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th St. in

Oak Lawn.

For more information or ticket call (708) 802-0686.



(Left to Right) Mr. Rick Schultz, Mrs. Recchia, Susan Recchia, Mr. Tim Recchia and Mr. Dan Meus, Secretary of the Father's Club.

Mother McAuley announces tuition raffle winner

Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Recchia (Evergreen Park) and their freshman daughter, Susan, were on hand at the Father's Club meeting, along with Sr. Rose Wiorek, RSM, Principal, to celebrate the announcement of the first Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School tuition raffle for 1999. Susan Recchia is in her first year of study at Mother McAuley.

The Mother McAuley High School Fathers Club, Mother's Club and Alumnae Board sponsor the tuition raffle and after 140 tickets are sold, a winner is drawn.

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VILLAGE NEWS

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



Alderman Zalewski meets the Clearing Night force volunteers

by Annette Dixon

The Clearing Neighborhood Watch Group celebrated their 3rd anniversary on October 6, 1999 at the Clearing Library, 6423 West 63rd Place.

Jose Flores, Area 4 CAPS CoCoordinator of the city of Chicago stated, "we're here to stay, we are a resource to each other. We will take a part in the neighborhood."

Alderman Mike Zalewski lived in the area all his life and would like to see the neighborhood stay nice. He thanked everyone for their support for the betterment of the neighborhood and introduced himself to all for further questions.

Clearing Night Force Neighborhood Watch Group stemmed from the CAPS 8th District. Their purpose is to have an eyeball on the neighborhood. They have been invaluable in keeping Clearing free of graffiti and reporting needed City service.

For only a few hours a week, they patrol the streets and alleys for bent signs, open garages, or if there are any needed city services.

President elect for the year 1999-2000, Mary Shilney stated, "she thought the turn out was quite good for the 3rd anniversary. She thanked everyone for coming and especially Richard Zilka

for mentioning the event in the Clearing Civic League newsletter.

Sgt. James Eldridge, 812 Beat Team Leader stopped to reintroduce himself, for we were childhood friends and didn't see each other for at least 30 years.

He explained that there are usually one or two cars out and they have a two way radio to report to a home base and the home base reports to the police. The Chicago non-emergency number is 311. Sgt. Eldridge also stated, "if anyone sees or hears anything, please report it to the police immediately. It's the only way we can all work together."

Pictured left to right: Marlene Annerino; Officer Dan Clark, Beat 812; Linda A. Dougherty; Jose Flores, CAPS Implementation, City of Chicago; Officers of Night Force Neighborhood Watch Group-Judy Ollry, Treas.; Mary Shilney, President; Don Zochowski, Treasurer; Linda Anne Dougherty, Sec.; the four policemen are unidentified but they are with Ms. Ollry; Sgt. James Eldridge and top right are: Lucille Edge and two guests from the Clearing Civic League.

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Bridgeview offers Ghoulish Capers

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit is accepting registration through October 21 for its special Halloween party "Ghoulish Capers" for tots 3-5 years old which takes place

Artist to exhibit at Daley College

Chicago artist and artisan Linda Platt will be exhibiting her collages, books, and quilts at Daley College in an exhibition entitled "Souvenirs." The exhibit will open on Wed., October 20th from 12 to 2 p.m.

Ms. Platt, a resident of the Gage Park community was born in Chicago in a first generation Polish/German family. Best known for her quilts, Platt utilizes techniques from traditional piecing and hand applique to collage, fabric printing and three-dimensional soft-sculpture. A number of her design patterns have been published. Most recently, she has concentrated on writing and photography combining various art forms and including narrative content in her work.



Platt's current work deals with themes of domestic violence and aging. She takes an innovative approach, combining art forms. Her materials include such diverse items as electronic parts and diagrams, World War II souvenirs, etc.

The exhibit will be at Richard J. Daley College, 7500 South Pulaski Road. For further information, call the Daley College Department of the Humanities at 773-838-7721.



Food for needy in Stickney township

Students of Tobin Elementary School, Burbank, with some of two truck loads of food they collected for distribution by the Stickney township Welfare department. Left to right, George

Nassis, student; Conor Kacher, student co-chair person; Pat Marek, faculty; Danielle Bergeron, student co-chair person; Laura Swantisk, student; Mike Smith, faculty; Pat Roach, Township Director of General Assistance and John Wileman, director of Township Department on Aging.

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Palos Heights plan hearings on the Westgate

by Jude Coyle

Mayor Dean Koldenhoven, Attorney Thomas A. Brown, City Clerk Marsha Fisher, Treasurer Frank Oswald, Aldermen Dolores Dramarski, Alan Fulkerson, Jim Murphey, James Healy, Bob Donnick, Frank Passarelli and Arthur Phillips attended the October 5, meeting of the Palos Heights City Council. Alderman Julie Corsi did not attend.

Mayor Koldenhoven announced that a public hearing will be held October 25, in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission concerning the Westgate Golf Course. Four hundred senior units will be built on 26 acres. Homes and town houses are planned for the remaining property. Pending the outcome of the first hearing, an annexation hearing will be held on November 2nd.

The meeting was opened to public comment. Helen Mayez said, "she enjoys reading meeting minutes on the Internet and wondered why it hadn't been updated since August 18th."

Clerk Marsha Fisher replied that her computer was incompatible, but to keep watching because she has purchased new equipment.

Alderman Jim Murphey of the Public Safety Committee reported they were not happy with the bids made on three police vehicles. He asked to be allowed to lower the prices on a 1994 Buick Regal, a 1995 Ford Thunderbird, and a Crown Victoria 4-door.

He also asked that 3-way stop signs be placed at 126th and 69th Ave., and a 4-way stop at 73rd and 123rd St. That places stop signs on four corners about the park. Bob Donnick said he thought too many drivers ignore stop signs, and that the City can't place stop signs on every corner. Alderman Murphey replied that this is a pro-active measure, to protect children crossing into the park. The motion carried with Donnick voting against it.

Senator O'Malley has guaranteed \$500,000 funding to complete left turning lanes at the entrances to Oak Hills on 135th Street, Lake Katherine, and to Trinity College. Bids were opened. The lowest came from James Fialla for \$458,000.

Alderman Frank Passarelli of the Municipal Ground Committee announced that St. Alexander's will be celebrating their 40th anniversary with a dinner dance. He motioned that the City buy a table of ten tickets for \$500. Alderman Donnick disagreed. The city had already bought a full page ad, and can't afford to buy tickets for every function. The motion carried with Alderman Donnick and Fulkerson voting against it.

Alderman Dolores Kramarski of the Road Construction Committee announced that the City will go to bid for the project at 127th and McCarthy Rd. The city Engineer was instructed to prepare paperwork.

Under new business, Alderman Murphey presented a resolution backing the I-294 and I-57 interchange. This was voted on and carried.

Again, the meeting was opened to the public, Kathy Lovitt agreed with Alderman Donnick about purchasing a table at St. Al's. She thought this was a poor habit, and suggested that if the city wanted to help charitable causes, that she knew one they could contribute to.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.. The next is scheduled for October 19, at 8 P.M..



What makes a fire protection district

by Jude Coyle

Captain Tim Sarhage of the Palos Heights Fire Protection District took time with me to answer the question, 'what is the difference between a fire department and a fire protection district?' Simple! The difference is that a fire department is a department of a local municipality. Taxes that support that department are paid to the municipality, and calls come from homes located within the boundaries of the same municipality.

A fire protection district is a separate entity. Just like a school district, taxes are collected separately. A separate board of trustees administers to the fire district, and even though a fire protection district serves a municipality, it doesn't necessarily share the same boundaries.

A major reason for the inception of fire protection districts is that unincorporated areas did not have municipalities to count on for protection. The Homer Township is still mostly unincorporated. Blue Island and Calumet Park are currently

researching the dynamics of establishing one, hopefully to share both man power and equipment.

The Palos Heights Fire Protection District was established in 1949. The boundaries jogs in and out between 7600 West to Central, and 135th Street and Route 83. Most of that falls within the corporate boundary lines of Palos Heights, and some falls between Forest Preserve property, which is unincorporated Cook County. It's here

that things get a little cloudy. 911 calls coming from Palos Heights are handled by Southwest Dispatch. Calls coming from unincorporated areas go to Cook County's dispatch center. The fire district in one town might handle fire and medical emergencies, but police emergencies might be handled by another department. Thankfully each center has a master street address system, which alerts the operator to the proper department. North Palos and Palos Fire Protection Districts cover the rest of the Palos area.

Educational and delicious

Melanie Burton, a kindergarten in Marcia McGerty's afternoon class at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, enjoys the watermelon her teacher brought in for a Math and Science activity. The students measured the melon, weighed it, discussed its texture, tasted it and counted the seeds.



Indian festival of lights event at GSU

The Student Life offices at Governors State University and the Hindu Cultural Center in Park Forest are pleased to announce several activities at GSU as part of the annual Indian Festival of Lights.

The all-day event will feature video presentations, an exposition of Indian heritage and cultural artifacts, a symposium on consciousness and a Taste of India sample of authentic cuisine from India.

The event will end with the Festival of Lights, an artistic impression of the epic-like poem Savitri through music, songs, poetry and dance.

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Lack of support cancels O. L. Christmas Parade

Oak Lawn Christmas Parade

By: F.J. Soczek

Since 1993, Gene Mondello led a group of volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce to produce the Oak Lawn Christmas Parade.

This year, Mondello, the owner of a small, family operated decorating business, had to make a painful decision and place the production of the holiday tradition on indefinite hold.

It was not an easy decision to make, as the parade had literally become part of his life. During the final month prior to the parade commencement, Mondello had to sig-

nificantly curtail his own personal business activities and devote full time attention to the multitude of minute details that make up a successful parade.

Mondello noted production begins almost a year in advance, and involves hundreds of phone calls soliciting sponsors, volunteers, monetary donations and the requisite logistical support from the Village of Oak Lawn. He was assisted primarily by fellow Chamber member Rick Herpek and estimated it takes at least 10 people to successfully organize the parade.

Mondello determined in April of 1999 that, due to the lack of volunteer support, he would be unable to bear the total burden of the parade

production by himself.

He noted that the recent "blame" cast upon the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce for failure to conduct the parade was unwarranted. A key person on the Village staff is a current Chamber member and knew of the cancellation months before Trustee Keane made the formal announcement at a Board of Trustees Meeting.

Although last year's parade had been the largest in its history, Mondello explained several factors that contributed to the demise of this year's event.

Chamber of Commerce membership (where the majority of the assistance was "recruited") had become a "revolving door." A high turnover in membership had placed a severe strain on the important personal relationships that had developed over the years between the parade sponsors and donors.

Also a factor was the growing emphasis on the Fall on the Green festivities by the Village of Oak Lawn. Because of the relatively close proximity to the Christmas Parade, sponsors who generously contributed to the Fall on the Green event appeared less receptive to yet another financial solicitation.

Other annual social events sponsored by the Chamber, such as the golf outing and homecoming parade also influenced budgetary priorities.

Although he will sadly miss what had evolved over the years to become a cherished tradition, Mondello recalled, with great pride, the fact that the synthesis of the Christmas Parade "was the only time" when three major entities, the Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Oak Lawn and the Park District would dissolve their traditional enmity and "get along in the spirit of Christmas."

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Extra Value Liquors receives license renewal

Oak Lawn Board of Trustees, Oct 26 99

By: F.J. Soczek

In an emotional entreaty before the Oak Lawn Village Board, Trustee Marjorie Joy reversed her previous denial of a liquor license renewal application for Extra Value Liquors and urged reconsideration of the request.

Jayanatal Patel, who petitioned for a Class B (package liquor only) liquor license, was denied approval by a 4-2 vote at the October 12 Board meeting.

The Extra Value Liquor Store, 9030 S. Cicero Ave., was the site of a brutal double homicide and robbery in May. Patel related his intentions to sell the business, and noted the sale was contingent upon Village approval of a renewed liquor license.

Trustee Stancik vigorously opposed the license renewal, asserting the area in question was "a poor location" and "the entire area was in need of redevelopment."

Stancik also reiterated his previously expressed dissatisfaction with the nearby automotive school and "car title" loan store, but failed to establish how these businesses had any tangible correlation or relevance to the petitioner's request.

Trustee Robt. Streit stated he considered Mr. Patel's previously stated intent to consider other locations a disrespectful affront to the

Village and concurred with Stancik. Trustees Keane and Rosenbaum re-asserted their previous support for license renewal, stating a denial would only compound the tragedy and would unduly deny the right of an innocent family to earn a living. Mayor Kolb also previously approved renewal of the request.

Marjorie Joy explained her father worked at a package liquor store for 20 years and expressed concern that an inventory valued by the owner at \$600,000 would be lost if the license was not renewed. Trustee Jerry Hurekes also reconsidered his previous vote for license denial; a final 4-2 vote (Stancik and Streit opposing) affirmed the appeal by Patel.

Following the approval for license renewal, Trustee Stancik demanded an investigation of crime statistics in the area from 87th St. to 91st St. Trustee Joy concurred that an investigation would be beneficial, suggesting the area for study be extended to 111th St.

Stancik immediately dismissed Joy's idea, stating he did not want his target area "diluted" with other local data.

The Village of Oak Lawn currently has a 9 member Historic Preservation Commission established to preserve and protect homes and buildings having historic significance.

Following the creation of a comprehensive ordinance designed to assure compliance with established Historic preservation precepts, an entire block of stately Victorian homes on Minnick Ave. was demolished in favor of condo development.

Similar Victorian-era buildings (the Chappetta Home, et al.) prominently located on 95th St. were summarily destroyed, despite the Village's apparent attempt to establish a "vintage" look to the area.

Although the ordinance stated the Historic Commission "shall serve without compensation," Village Manager Joseph Faber urged (in a memo dated October 19, 1999) "a stipend" (in the amount of \$2,800) be paid to 7 of the members. The payment request was unanimously approved by the Village Board.

The Board approved the use of the Historic Cook School parking lot for Metra commuter parking. Fees collected will be returned to the Oak Lawn Park District.

The Cook School, Oak Lawn's first (and only) National Historic Landmark, is severely decaying. A sheet of plastic covers a damaged roof, despite the fact insurance proceeds from a previous fire were received. The Park District allocated the insurance funds for golf course expenses.



Former Oak Lawn Pace Garage Demolished

Workers demolish the building located on the site of the former Pace bus garage.

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Evergreen Pk. Presbyterian Church holds bazaar and bake sale

The Evergreen Park Presbyterian Church Women's Group is having a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 6th, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Park Presbyterian Church at 89th & Francisco in Evergreen Park.

Visitors to the Bazaar will be able to purchase lunch, hand-made Christmas decorations and ornaments and hand-made baby items. There will also be a Second Time Around table and a Country Store.

For more information contact the church at (708) 422-7107.



'Macbeth' opera lecture at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an opera lecture based on "Macbeth" Sunday, November 7 at 2 p.m. There is no charge for the lecture and seating is on a first come, first served basis in the lower level meeting room.

At this informative session, you will hear vocal and musical selections, learn about the composer, Giuseppe Verdi, and gain a better understanding of the story. The lecture will be presented by a member of the Lyric Lecture Group.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Baptisms

William Daniel Lucio was born August 17, 1999 to William and Carleen Lucio of Oak Lawn. 10 weeks early, weighing 2 lbs., 7 oz.-14.5 in. long. Now 5 lbs. 13 oz., he will be baptized November 28th at St. Linus Church. His Godparents are Brian Durkin & Debra Brooks. His grandparents are Danny and Trish Durkin of Oak Lawn and Sandy Lucio of Mt. Greenwood



Left to Right: Joan Kennedy, Frank Kennedy, Dee Healy, arms outstretched, Frances K. Newell

What's a party without a Kennedy?

No Party at all!

By Annette Dixon

A great, big surprise took place for Frank Kennedy on his 90th birthday at the VFW in Hometown. Frank Kennedy, born October 22nd 1909 lived most of his life in St. Gale's Parish, (that's Irish for 55th & Kedzie). Accompanying Frank was his long time friend Charlotte Weglarz, who knew of the surprise party.

Frank's daughters, well known to Oak Lawn are Joan

Kennedy, Oak Lawn Chamber Executive Director and Dee Healy of St. Bedes in Scottsdale (that's also Irish for Chicago) and Francis K. Newell, formerly of Oak Lawn, now residing in Poynette, WI. There were at least 60 guests, including Frank's 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Frank's seventh grandchild, Patrick Healy, died as a young man.

Trains run in the family. Frank worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad as did Frank's father before him and Frank's daughter Francis.

Fun and music was the atmosphere at the VFW when Frank sang all the classic old standards which were taped. Frank still belted with a beautiful voice and never missed a beat!

Italian American Women's club to meet at St. Benadette School

The Italian American Women's Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at St. Benadette School, 9311 S. Francisco Ave.

For more information or to RSVP for the next meeting please call (708) 423-9754

Celtic music comes to Oak Lawn Library

Glamis Hill will perform traditional Celtic and Irish music Sunday, November 14 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street. Admission is free, with first-come, first-seated arrangements in the lower level meeting room.

Glamis Hill is a talented husband and wife duo, John and Janet Gaffney. Among the many instruments they play are the Irish Uilleann pipes, the tin whistle, the bodhran and the celtic harp. Jigs, reels, aires and ballads are the group's hallmark, along with Irish-American favorites such as "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling".

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. A complete schedule of programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, First Floor. For additional information, contact Linda Olson, public relations officer, at (708) 422-4990.



Maybe baby, It's Shari

Oak Lawn graduate Shari Simpson strikes gold in New York

By Annette Dixon

After a long, grueling career, Shari Simpson, Oak Lawn graduate, and co-actor/co-writer Charlie Shanian have written a comedy about finding your soulmate. "Maybe Baby, It's You" is the brainchild of it's two stars, who met while performing with the famed Gotham City Improv.

Shari Simpson, daughter of Rose Simpson of Oak Lawn, graduated from the University of Illinois in 1985

and continued her education with the American Conservatory theatre in San Francisco. She then went to New York to find work, and that she did!

"Maybe Baby, Its You" will begin performances at an off-Broadway theatre, the SoHo Playhouse on October 29th in New York. Special offer-tickets are only \$27.50, \$32.50 Saturdays (transportation not included), with the mention of this article!

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To be eligible, household income must be no more than 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For example, maximum monthly income would be \$858 for a single-person household, \$1,152 for a two-person household and \$1,740 for a family of four.

Households with elderly or disabled individuals, and those disconnected from their utilities can submit applications now. All others can begin Nov. 1, 1999.

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Palos Community Hospital Health & Fitness Center offers free test to determine lung health

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All it takes is a few minutes to determine the presence of restrictive or obstructive pulmonary disease. Participants will be asked to exhale forcefully and completely so that their lung volumes and flows can be measured with state-of-the-art equipment.

For more information, or to register, call (708) 226-0555.



GASA TO ADDRESS OAK LAWN LIONS

Roger Gasa, Director, Naturalist, with the Forest-Preserve District of Cook County, assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse in Willow Springs for the past 26 years, will speak before the Oak Lawn Lions, Tuesday, November 2, at 8 p.m. following a 7 p.m. dinner at Oak Lawn Hilton, 9400, S. Cicero.

Alan Wheeler, coordinator, announced that Gasa will inform the group on the recreation and conservation that is available within the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Gasa earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in science at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and his Master of Science degree in ecology and conservation, at Governors State University, Park Forest.

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Viverito celebrates 30 years as Dem party chairman

State Senator Louis Viverito will mark 30 years as Stickney Township Democratic party chairman at the organization's annual dinner dance Friday, Oct. 29, at the Martinique Restaurant, 2500 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park.

In the 30 years that he has headed the party organization membership has grown from 17 to 300 and the Democratic party vote in general elections has always been the highest percentage wise or near the highest in the county.

"This is a record I am quite proud of," said Viverito, "and all the credit goes to the members or our organization who have worked well together in behalf of our Democratic party's principles."

"I believe our organization has not only strengthened the party, but it has also promoted community solidarity regardless of party. Our main interest is good government and the fact that the party has put forth qualified candidates has made our job easier."

"Our success is the result of a harmonious group working diligently and I certainly want to thank every member and precinct captain for their loyalty and hard work over the years."



Another man's treasure

Visitors peruse the tables at the Oak Lawn Senior Center Flea Market held October 29th. Pictured are: Marie Gundberg, Paul Perino and Bette Stuparitz.

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Moraine Valley Community College will present jazz legend Maynard Ferguson and his new Big Bop Nouveau Band on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The cost is \$20.50 for adults and \$18.50 for seniors and students. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

Ferguson, one of the world's great brass players, is in his fourth decade as a leader with a constantly changing band. Ferguson is a three-time Grammy nominee who has been performing since he was 11 years old. He approaches his music as a constant adventure.

For more information or to order tickets, call (708) 974-5500.

MARIST HOSTS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

The Marist High School Community invites all grade school boys and their parents to attend the Annual Open House to be held on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1999 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. on the school grounds located at 4200 West 115th Street in Chicago.

Marist students, alumni and parents will be guiding tours throughout the campus. The administration, faculty, guidance counselors and coaches will be available to answer questions concerning academics, guidance, sports and activities.

A second Open House will be held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1999, FROM 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



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INDIANAPOLIS (October 22, 1999) - Veterans Day is November 11, but you probably will not find a greeting card in your favorite shop. With 26 million veterans in the nation, The American Legion realizes many people would like to say a special "Thank You" to a veteran. That is why the nation's largest war-time veterans organization is offering a free e-mail card.

"Many people forget that young military men and women serving recently are veterans. Just about anywhere they are serving they have access to e-mail and receiving a special 'Veterans Day' card would be a nice surprise," National Commander Alan G. Lance, Sr., said.

This is the second year The American Legion has offered the cards. "Response last year was excellent, so we expanded the service to offer branch of service cards with music. Naturally, there is plenty of room for the personal message," Lance said.

The Veterans Day Card service is accessed directly from The American Legion's homepage at

OPEN HOUSE AT MARIA

Maria High School, 6727 South California, invites seventh and eighth graders and their parents to their Open House on Sunday, November 14, from 1:00-3:00 PM. Visitors can tour the campus and meet faculty and students. Members of the Business Office and Athletic Department will also hold information sessions to answer questions in the Financial Aid Forum and the Coaches' Corner. Special attractions on the tour are the recently updated electronic library and computer labs as well as the WMYS television studio which is faculty supervised but student-run.

Guests will learn about the hundreds of courses offered, the sports available, and the myriad of club opportunities. A second Open House will take place on Wednesday, December 8, from 6:30-8:30 PM. Maria High School will offer the Entrance Exam on January 8, 1999 at 8:00 AM.

www.legion.org. Once at the site, it is a simple matter to follow the instructions and send your special greetings.

"Throughout the last half of this century American men and women in uniform served in nearly every region of the world. Because of our veterans we have the freedoms our founding fathers longed to preserve," Lance said.

President Woodrow Wilson signed a Congressional Resolution on Nov. 11, 1919 establishing "Armistice Day." The resolution said: "This day should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations." The resolution fur-

ther called for a day to be observed in schools and churches or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

Since 1919, November 11 has become Veterans Day. Yet the same spirit that gave birth to Armistice Day continues recently as America remembers the men and women who have served our country in the military.

"I hope millions of Americans will send an e-card to a veteran they know. It will just take you a moment to send the card, but it could mean much more to the person receiving it," Lance said.

CONTACT: Joe March or Lee Harris, (317) 630-1253 or pr@legion.org.

Bipartisan leaders seek to restore Medicare funds

Bipartisan Leadership Call On President To Rectify Funding Shortfall Resulting From '97 Balanced Budget Act

Washington, D.C. — in a new letter to President Clinton released recently, the bipartisan leadership of both the House and Senate urged the administration to restore funds to the Medicare system

for the purpose of providing adequate rehabilitative care for America's seniors.

"We are requesting that the Administration restore funds, to the Medicare system for rehabilitative care immediately," stated the letter, "This under-spending poses a very real and immediate threat to the delivery of skilled care services to seniors as well as

to their access to these services."

One unintended consequence of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act is that Medicare reimbursements to skilled nursing facilities (SNF's) have fallen short of levels originally envisioned by the BBA.

The leaders stated that the impact of the cuts are "already being felt by thousands of caregivers who have been laid off and that "Medicare beneficiaries are finding important medical services reduced or eliminated."

Continued the letter: "We fear that providers" will be forced to leave the Medicare program altogether, further eroding seniors' access to these community-based and life-enhancing services. We are certain that providers will begin to close their doors. Therefore, funding must be restored to the system immediately to prevent harm to America's senior citizens."

The letter from the congressional leaders follows the release of a new independent analysis showing that Medicare cuts to skilled nursing facilities as a result of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act will reach approximately \$2 billion per year — nearly twice the \$1.3 billion originally forecast by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

"We urge you to take steps now to restore spending for the SNF reimbursement system to the levels envisioned by the BBA," the leaders conclude in the letter, "This problem is immediate and its solutions must not be lost in the long term Medicare structural debate."

Health care officials call the recent health bill a lifesaver

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The American Health Care Association (AHCA) recently praised Senators Orrin Hatch, Pete Domenici, Tom Daschle and Bob Kerrey for introducing critical legislation that will restore deep Medicare cuts that are threatening the ability of senior citizens to receive, vital nursing home care.

The Medicare Beneficiary Access to Quality Nursing Home, Care Act of 1999 (S. 1500) - which was introduced in the U.S., Senate recently, aims to restore cuts made to Medicare in the 1997 budget deal. A recent study by Muse & Associates, containing the first empirical data on the scope and impact of these cuts, shows that Medicare cuts for skilled nursing care will exceed \$2 billion in 1999 — nearly twice the \$1.3 billion originally predicted by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

Those hardest hit are the sickest Medicare beneficiaries who require complex medical care. Throughout the country beneficiaries are backed up in hospitals waiting to be admitted to nursing homes that are able to provide Medicare-funded services. Other patients have been forced to move to facilities that are many miles from

the patients' family, friends, and community.

"These Senators are literally throwing a lifesaver to Medicare beneficiaries who need nursing home care," said AHCA Vice President Linda Keegan, "This bill will help the most vulnerable Medicare patients who are threatened by the larger than intended cuts."

Specifically, the bill allows Medicare to pay for the high-cost needs of patients with certain diagnoses, such as cancer, hip fracture and stroke. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) has advised, Congress that the current system, fails to account for certain medical complex services provided to skilled, nursing patients. This legislation will help ensure that the sickest Medicare beneficiaries have access to the nursing home care they need.

The American health Care Association is a federation of 50 affiliated state associations, representing more than 12,000 non-profit and for-profit nursing facilities, assisted living residents and subacute care providers nationwide.



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EDCSS announces Small Business Award Recipient

Moraine Valley Community College's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) has announced the recipients of the council's fifth annual Small Business Awards. Lisa Hawkinson, director of community relations at Hawkinson Ford of Oak Lawn, is the recipient of the Business/Education Partnership Award of the Year Award.

Hawkinson Ford has been serving the educational community since 1961. Throughout the years, Hawkinson Ford has become more involved in the schools. In 1997, Hawkinson Ford started a program called Friends of the Community, a community relations effort to assist areas schools. Since then, the program has donated thousands of dollars and assisted schools in a variety of ways.

Hawkinson Ford hosts many field trips at the dealership to introduce students from first to eighth grades to the car industry and the career opportunities available. Students have the

chance to talk with employees from sales, finance, and service. The program also invites high school students to participate in job shadowing days and summer internships that enable students to gain experience in various careers in sales and service.

Another way in which Hawkinson Ford helped students to gain career experience is through an art exhibit in the showroom of the dealership. For several months, students from Stagg High School in Palos Hills exhibited artwork to be judged for prizes.

"The art exhibit was an excellent opportunity for students to get a taste of a future in art," said Hawkinson. "Also, by having field trips and job shadowing, students can get a taste of what the working world is like."

Another program started by Hawkinson Ford is the WOW program, which honors students who promote good citizenship in their school or community. Students are nominated for

the award by a teacher, an administrator, or a family friend. The winners of the WOW Award are presented with a certificate and four tickets to a Cook County Cheetahs baseball game at Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood.

"Since 1961, Hawkinson Ford has always been a big supporter of education and the community," said Hawkinson. "We are constantly looking for new ways to get involved and put forth our efforts into the community."

In addition, Hawkinson also frequently attends career days as a guest speaker at both elementary and high schools. Hawkinson also works with local businesses in the community to donate their resources as well. For example, two local landscape companies donated their time and material to Harnew Elementary School in Oak Lawn to build a new playground.

The Friends of the Community Program has

also donated many items such as recess games, cameras, computers, CD players, encyclopedias, and a water fountain. The program also sponsors numerous events throughout the year, including a pancake breakfast, picnics, walk-a-thons, and carnivals.

"I always welcome new schools to become involved in the program," said Hawkinson. "All they have to do is call, and we take them aboard."

The Business/Education Partnership Award recognizes businesses that have joined with an educational institution to promote high academic standards and career awareness and/or preparation. Nominations are evaluated on a number of criteria, including the partnership's ability to meet an established education-to-careers objective, to serve all or a significant number of the student population or staff, to be replicated by other businesses, sustainability by the business or school district, and promotion of systemic change in the educational process.

The Small Business Awards luncheon, which will honor five business award



recipients, is Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 11:30 a.m. at the Silver Lake Country Club, 147th Street and 82nd Avenue in Orland Park. The awards are sponsored by Ameritech, Bank One, First National Bank of Blue Island, Old Kent Bank, and

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Bring your best piece and register at the door to read. Sign up begins at 1:30 p.m. The following time limits will apply: Poems, five minutes; Short Stories, 10 minutes. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Call Linda Olson at (708) 422-4990 for more information.

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Dear Readers:

I promise, this will be the last column I write concerning rock concerts. In a previous column fresh from the Bruce Springsteen concert, the rock critic in me reported the evening's events. My anticipation for the upcoming John Mellencamp concert was also mentioned in that column since, as you probably know by now, I am a huge Mellencamp fan who was looking forward to his concert since 1992, which is why my tickets were purchased well in advance of his October 14th performance at the United Center.

So, anyway, there I was settling in, binoculars hanging around my neck, focused towards the stage. At this point there were maybe five minutes to show time. Almost everyone was in their seats waiting for the concert to begin. Everyone, it seemed, but Katie and Ryan, who I noticed were standing at the end of our aisle, Katie excitedly jumping up and down as if she'd won the lottery. She stood there motioning for me to come over, but no way was I going to move out of my seat with the concert set to start any minute. It wasn't until Ryan came over to inform me that Katie received two FRONT row tickets from a guy in the lobby, that I put two and two together. Pure adrenaline took over as I jumped out of my seat, threw the binoculars at Bill, and followed this bubbly young cutie to the first row. Before I could even catch my breath, I was face to face with Mr. John Mellencamp.

My ears are still buzzing, my back is aching, which is only a slight reminder that I am not as young as I used to be.

Sometimes the most exciting moments in our lives happen to us when we'd never think, in a million years, they'd have a chance of happening.

So this is my tale of that once in a lifetime opportunity. I wouldn't be able to duplicate this kind of experience if I tried.

And to Katie Cavanaugh, whom I'm sure would have preferred to share this exceptional evening with Ryan by her side, instead of his middle-aged aunt, I say THANK YOU for this very special memory and for sharing your good fortune with me.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Flanagan Chiropractic Clinic is holding their annual Patient Appreciation Day on November 2, 1999. This year, the event will be held in conjunction with the "Toys for Tots" drive. In exchange for services at the clinic, all participating patients will donate a toy, which will then be collected and forwarded to the U.S. Marine Corp.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to this worthy cause is encouraged to stop by the clinic at 6850 W 95th Street, Oak Lawn on November 2 between the hours of 9 am and 7 pm. The clinic is also willing to provide an examination and xrays (if necessary) at no charge to any person who is considering chiropractic care for an existing problem. Just call or stop by the clinic with the toy to be donated to make an appointment.

All donated toys should be new and delivered in its original package. This is an excellent opportunity to help a less fortunate child receive a toy at the holidays. If you have any questions, please call the clinic at 708-599-0911

Restaurants showcase menu offerings to benefit Hope Children's Hospital
Caption:

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Viverito honored by I.H.C.A.

SPRINGFIELD-State Senator Louis Viverito (D-Burbank) has been named Outstanding Legislator of the Year by Illinois Health Care Association (IHCA), a coalition of long-term care facilities caring for nearly 40,000 Illinoisans.

According to IHCA, in the state legislature Senator Viverito has been a strong supporter of finding ways to enhance long-term care employees' wage and benefits packages, so quality caregivers can be attracted and retained in this important field. Viverito has also supported measures to create safer health care settings for residents and better working environments for staff.

"We would also like to recognize that Senator Viverito has consistently supported the welfare of senior citizens in his work as President of the Stickney Township Health Department, where, through his direction of township health and home service programs, he renews his commitment to quality health care every day," said IHCA Executive Director William L. Kempiners.

Viverito is a member of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee and is the Democratic spokesman on the State Government Operations Committee.

Viverito was formally honored at a luncheon in his district. He was presented with a portrait from the "Aging in America: Our Heritage of Wisdom" series by artist Jim Branscum. Michael Wartman, administrator of Alden Heather; Frank Troha, Administrator of Alden Town Manor; Susan Arnold, Director of Nursing and Roxanne Sanderson, Director of Admissions, at Integrated Health Care of Brentwood; Michael Bibb of Frances House, Inc.; and IHCA Legislative Liaison David Weisbaum, represented IHCA at the ceremony. Viverito's legislative office aides and Robert Peters, Director of the Stickney Township Health Department, also joined the senator.

IHCA is the oldest and largest long-term care association in Illinois, representing more than 490 member facilities and programs statewide. Since 1950, IHCA has been a leading force in the long-term care industry providing legislative representation, continuing educational opportunities, and a variety of other services for its member facilities. Members include nursing homes and residences and services for developmentally disabled adults and severely disabled children. Consumers can find helpful information at www.ihca.com.



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Tickets for this event are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 dine for free. First seating starts at 12:45 p.m.,

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TicketMaster Outlets, including Carson Pirie Scott, Tower Records, and Dominick's. You also may charge tickets over the phone at (312) 559-1212 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices for reserved seats are \$50 and \$39.50 and are subject to applicable service charges.



Disney Dance at Burbank Park District

The Burbank Park District will hold their second Annual Disney Dance on Friday, November 5 from 5:30-7 p.m. This is a fun, unique event for children ages 3-12. A \$10 fee covers refreshments, prizes, a D.J. and guest appearances from look-alike "Winnie the Pooh", "Mickey Mouse" and "Pocahontas". To register for this event, sign up at the Park District office at 8050 S. Newcastle. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Please call (708) 599-2070 for details.

THEATER RELEASE

There's a laugh a minute with the Palos Village Players' fall show **NOT NOW DARLING**, the comic collaboration of Ray Cooney and John Chapman, which will be presented at 8 PM November 12, 13, 19, 20 and 2 PM November 14 in the Palos Park Village Hall, 8901 W. 123rd St.. The action takes place in an up-scale but looney London fur salon where the audience soon realizes that furs do more than keep people warm. According to director Jan Mitchell, "the romantic misadventures, deceptions, and a series of hysterical cover-ups to evade the truth make this a truly entertaining farce. There are also a few old vaudeville turns thrown in for good measure." Kevin Keane and Len Weislo portray two wacky partners of the Bodely, Bodely, and Crouch Fur Salon. Shawne Schillace is Mrs. Bodely, the third partner and oft betrayed wife. Others in the cast include George Mackay, Jeannie Rega, Laura Petritsch, Judi Onheiber, Don McGrew, Ellen Henry, Nicki Peccatiello, and Bill Petritsch. Toni Bishop is the producer and Don Murphy is assistant director. Tickets can be reserved for \$9 by calling (708) 479-3263 or (708) 403-3979 three days prior to the performance. Tickets are \$10 at the door. There is a \$2 discount for seniors.



Catherine McAuley Awards Presented

Mary Clare Lynch, Service Director, Student Council and Mercy Corps Moderator at Mother McAuley High School, and Victoria Walters, senior student, were both awarded the 1999 Catherine McAuley Award on Mercy Day. The Catherine McAuley Award is given to a faculty/staff member and a senior student whom the faculty and staff have nominated as persons who live the values of Catherine McAuley. The criteria considered are a demonstrated concern for others, a strong personal identity, compassion for the less fortunate and courage. The award is named for the 19th century foundress of the Religious Sisters of Mercy who believed in the "careful instruction of women."

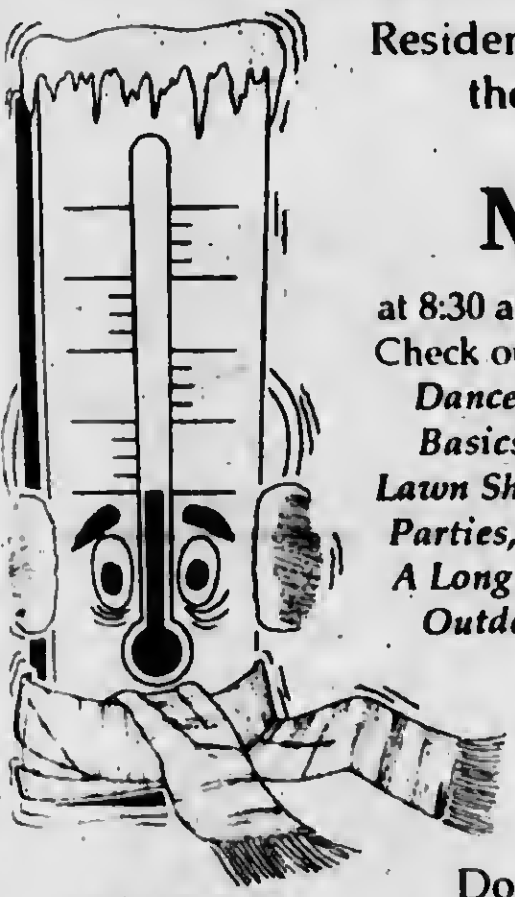
Mary Clare Lynch (Chicago) has served at McAuley for four years and is also a graduate of the class of '82. For Mary Clare, winning the Catherine McAuley Award is "a great honor." Sister Rose Wiorek, Principal, commended her and Victoria for their service to others. At the end of her address to the students, Ms. Lynch left them with a challenge: "Tomorrow, how will you use your gifts and your talents to carry on the vision of Mercy?"

Victoria Walters is the daughter of Diane and Thomas Walters. She graduated from St. Albert the Great Grammar School and remains active in her parish. At McAuley, Vicky is a member of the National Honor Society and has been active in S.A.D.D., Action Reaction, Liturgical Ministry, Mercy Corps, Orchestra and the school musicals. Last year, Vicky was named the Illinois Library Association Volunteer of the Year. Looking to the future, she said "Let us walk towards the millennium with Mercy in our hearts."

As part of the Mercy Day celebration, students performed skits explaining the meaning of the day. Also part of the assembly was a slide show, dance performance and recognition of the Sisters of Mercy. This celebration connects McAuley with Mercy schools throughout the world. Marquette Financial Center Awards Prizes in-Grand Opening Celebration

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For those born on the 1st, 10th, 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Career or Job changes coming up. Do what you can to make things clearer to those involved, lest they accuse you of working against them. This is not a great week but, you can get through it. K & D help.

For those born on the 2nd, 11th, 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: There is no time like right now to sit people down and interchange ideas with them as to what you expect from them and what they can expect from you. C helps. Things you can change, change!

For those born on the 3rd, 12th, 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: A time for reflection, and ask yourself what you did to contribute to whatever dissension is taking place. Honesty is the best policy even to oneself! Money problems soon solved and R can help, ask.

For those born on the 4th, 13th, 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You simply have to take the reins and drive your own cart. Apparently the help you thought would be there is "temporarily disconnected." Someone Pat, or a P can help you get the right info.

For those born on the 5th, 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You get spiritual helps in fact or in dreams. Listen to what your inner mind is telling you. Someone is on your side but may find fault with your chosen mate. All things considered however, you do well!

For those born on the 6th, 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: When you think about things and then they happen you might consider them to be coincidences. Not really! Your own intuitiveness is working now. Bring money matters into sync. L helps and Leo too.

For those born on the 7th, 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You cannot be in two places at one time! Make this clear to those people who seem to think you are some kind of magician. Money matters and health matters to deal with now. J and B involved.

For those born on the 8th, 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You get a chance to speak up and tell it like it really is. Libra and Taurus people to deal with concerning a money deal. Pay attention to dental needs. You are soon on a winning streak lasting a long time. Housing needs demand your time too.

For those born on the 9th, 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: If there are children involved in a trip you plan, consult with them as to what they want to do. Your career and your finances are in better stead than you previously thought. Let things happen, don't worry.

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McDonald - Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois will be hosting the 100th Year Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the

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Brosnahan participates in day of concern about young people and violence

On Thursday, October 21, State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) along with Queen of Martyrs Pastor Father Edward M. Mikolajczyk, school principal Michael Krseck, assistant principal Lois Ketteing, Evergreen Park's Village Clerk Jim, Sexton, Police Sergeant Wayne Gutkowski, faculty and students from Queen of Martyrs Grade School, participated in the Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence.

"The goal at Queen of Martyrs School is to teach our students that there are outlets other than guns when one's expressing anger," said assistant principal Lois Kettering. "This event provides an opportunity for young people to individually stop gun violence."

This marked the, fourth annual Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence. Students from coast to coast will sign a voluntary contract or promise that they will never carry a gun to school, will never resolve a dispute with a gun and will work to keep their friends from settling arguments with guns.

"The National Pledge Against Gun Violence has given local communities and

residents of those communities the power to control their own destiny," Brosnahan said.

Brosnahan explained that he feels the legislature has passed many meaningful laws aimed at getting guns off our streets, but said lawmakers alone cannot solve the problem. He stated that the youth of America play an

extremely important part in this effort.

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The Beverly Theatre Guild will open their 37th season of live theater with the classic timeless, musical-comedy "Guys and Dolls", music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. Featuring a musical score that includes songs like "guys and Dolls", "Luck Be A lady", "Sit Down You're Rocking' the Boat", "I'll Know", and "I've never Been In Love Before", this is the second time the Guild has presented the show, which was first mounted way back in 1965, before the Beverly Art Center was even built and later became the Guild's home base when it opened in 1969.

The show will be presented for six performances, at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago Friday, Friday, November 5th & 12th, at 8 p.m. Saturday, November 6th & 13th, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 7th & 14th at 2 p.m. Call 312-409-2705 for tickets which are \$15 for adults, \$13 for senior citizens and students,

with group rates available. The Damon Runyon characters include, Nathan Detroit, played by Joe Spencer, (Hickory hills), the gambler, who never turned down a bet and his long suffering fiancée, Miss Adelaide, played by Gina Louisa Cappelletts, (LaGrange), a dancer at the Hot Box nightclub. Nathan being the betting man he is bets Sky Masterson, played by Dave Denham, (Alsip), a fellow gambler that he can't get a date with Sarah Brown, who is a Sergeant in the Salvation Army, played by Laurie Videka-Krizka, (53rd & Kenneth). While the two couples sort out their romances, police Lt. Branigan, played by John neumann, (95th & leavitt) is always one step behind in breaking up the latest crap game. A talented cast of forty-two men, women and children round out the ensemble. The show is produced by Karen Rogers. and Jennifer Miller. The Directing staff includes

Director Gneen Hering, Musical Director, Alan Bukowiecki, and Choreographer, Melanie herman, Assistant Director to Glenn is Sarah Ketchum.

Chicago, IL: Governor George H. Ryan welcomes John Brogan, Secretary of the Irish American Alliance to his Chicago Office. Brogan extended an invitation to Governor Ryan to attend the Irish Derby Day at Hawthorn Park, Cicero, Illinois on

Moraine Valley to Present "As You Like It"

Moraine Valley Community College will present the academic theater performance of "As You Like It" Nov. 4 through 7. The performances will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

A preview performance will take place on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets

for this performance are \$5.50.

Other performances will take place Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5 and 6, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10.50 for adults and \$8.50 for seniors and students.

Joyce Porter, professor of Humanities/Theater at Moraine Valley directs the play, which made the phrase "all the world's a stage" a common saying. This production of William Shakespeare's light-hearted romantic comedy is set in the

1920s.

For more information or to order tickets, call (708) 974-5500 or visit the Moraine Valley Box Office in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

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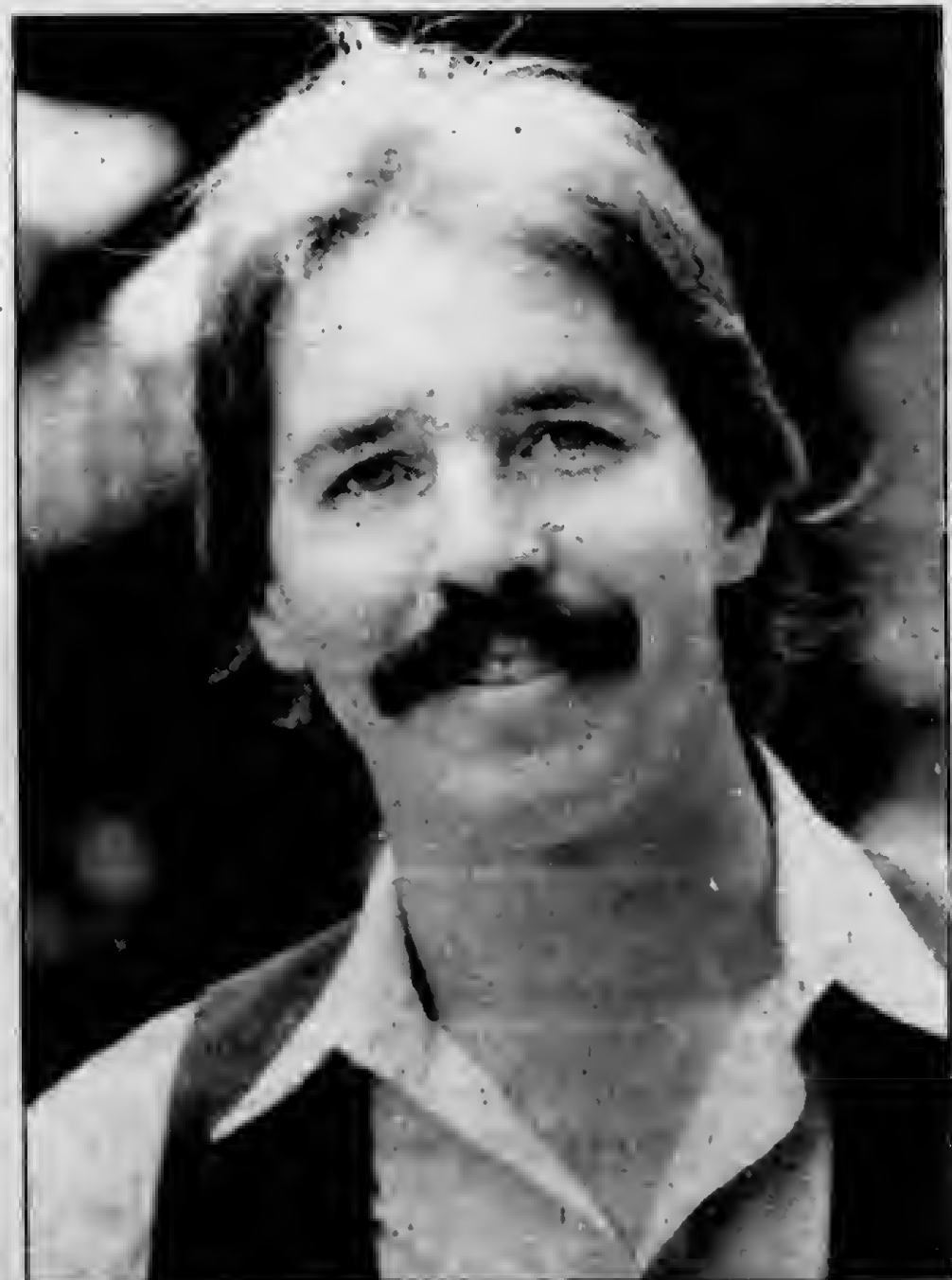
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Survey of Changes in Skilled Nursing Facilities Medicare Patterns Since the Implementation of the Prospective Payment System

The following is a report of findings from an American Health Care Association (AHCA) membership survey to assess changes in admissions, length of stay, average Medicare payment and occupancy since the implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), especially the development of a prospective payment system (PPS) for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). This report is divided into three sections. The first skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). This report is divided into three sections. The first part is a discussion of the BBA and the parameters of the SNF PPS. The second section presents the methodology used in the study, including how the data were collected and analyzed. The third section is a discussion of findings.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the SNF Prospective Payment System;

Congress passed the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) in order to reign in Federal spending. A major component of Federal spending is the Medicare program. Medicare is the nation's largest health insurance provider, covering nearly 39 million elderly and disabled beneficiary at an annual cost of more than \$2

billion. Between 1990 and 1997, Medicare expenditures increased at an average annual rate of 9.8 percent. Thus, Medicare is one of the fastest growing parts of the federal budget.¹

The substantial growth in Medicare program spending is due to changes in demographics and technology. The most telling example of the demographic changes is the rapid increase in the size of the elderly population. Recently, the elderly comprise 13 percent of the total U.S. population. In 2030 they will comprise 20 percent of the population. With constant improvements in new, expensive medical technology, and the aging of the baby boomers, the proportion of the population over 65 years of age will continue to increase.

Medicare spending for SNFs rose at an average annual rate of 23.2 percent between 1990 and 1996. This was much higher than the rate of increase for total program spending. The SNF payment method was cited as one reason for this rapid growth rate. Before the BBA, SNFs were paid the reasonable costs that they incurred in providing Medicare-allowed services.²

One of the mandates of the BBA was to replace the cost-

based SNF reimbursement system with a PPS. Under PPS, SNFs receive a payment for each day of care provided to a Medicare beneficiary. The per diem rate is based upon the average daily rate of providing all Medicare-covered SNF services in 1995. Since not all patients require the same amount of care, a "case mix" adjustment factor was included, permitting some flexibility in the payment method. The new payment system was implemented beginning July 1, 1998.

¹HCFA. National Health Expenditures, 1997.

²GAO. Progress to date in Implementing Certain Major Balanced Budget Act Reforms. Testimony of William J. Scanlon before the Committee on Finance, U.S. Senate. GAO/THHS-99-87.

Methodology:

The AHCA survey was designed to measure the impact of the PPS on SNFs as evidenced by changes in admissions, occupancy rates, length of stay, and average Medicare payment per patient per day on a quarterly basis from the first quarter of 1998 through the first quarter of 1999. Survey forms were sent to over 200 nursing home organizations in all 48 contiguous states

ranging from single facility operations to large nursing home chains. Ninety-one organizations responded. Table 1 is a compilation of 91 survey responses, representing a total of 9,425,718 (out of an estimated total of 42,000,000) Medicare days during 1998. They represent approximately 23 percent of all Medicare days. Attempts were made to include responses from the entire distribution of Medicare SNFs.

Respondents varied greatly in the size of their operations. Some were very small, single nursing homes while other represent aggregate data from major corporations with multiple facilities. The data were weighted before they were included (i.e., average length of stay and average occupancy were weighted by the number of Medicare days) in an attempt to provide a sense of proportion to the differences between facilities. The financial data were weighted by average Medicare beds.

Finding:

The data show that between the first quarter of 1998 and first quarter of 1999, average Medicare payment decreased approximately \$50 per day (from approximately \$343 to \$293). This represents a 15 percent decline in Medicare

per diem payment.

The attached also show that total days from all payer sources since the beginning of calendar year 1998 have remained fairly flat. This is largely explained by a significant decline in Medicare days of over 10.5 percent. This decline is particularly interesting in that the elimination of distinct parts for cost report purposes by larger chains caused the number of average Medicare beds to increase by 46 percent. Meanwhile, Medicare admissions have increased by only 3 percent over the 15-month period. At the same time, average length of stay for those Medicare beneficiaries admitted to SNFs has dropped nearly 15 percent. The declines are coincident with the introduction of PPS during 1998. The combination of these factors represent a 2.6 percent decline in average occupancy for participating facilities.

Taken as a whole, the survey findings suggest that nursing homes have had payments per day reduced by 15 percent and have also experienced a 10.5 percent reduction in Medicare days. This would suggest total Medicare payments to SNFs have decreased 24 percent. Whether HCFA data will bear this out is unclear due to payment lags to SNF providers.

The findings support several arguments being made by the nursing home industry. The financial pressures on SNF providers have increased significantly. Industry experts indicate that

SNFs are now being more selective in their Medicare admissions due to the, new economic realities presented by the prospective payment system (PPS), reversing the sizeable upward trend of Medicare admissions over the past six years. Skilled nursing facilities appear to be less willing admit patients whose costs of care are in excess of the payment to be expected from the new PPS. Finally, the survey results show that Medicare admissions have been flat over the last 15 months, further supporting this position.

It is also interesting to note that this decline in the average length of stay for Medicare patients in SNPs runs counter to expectations prior to the introduction of the PPS. It was presumed that nursing home providers would try to offset the budget reduction act of the PPS by extending the lengths of stay of Medicare patients. This, in part, was the reason that the Congressional Budget Office employed a 45 percent behavioral offset in its estimation of the impact of the SNF PPS on the federal budget. Given that behavioral response has not actually materialized, this suggests that CBO may have underestimated the true extent of the budget reductions.

Finally, it is very clear from this study that the PPS has resulted in a great deal of financial pressure for the SNF industry. Typically, SNPs are very sensitive to the maintenance of their occupancy levels. Yet, Table 1 shows that occupancy levels fell by 2.6 percent over a one-year period. This indicates the new economic incentives to hold the line on Medicare admissions and reduce the average length of stay for Medicare patients.

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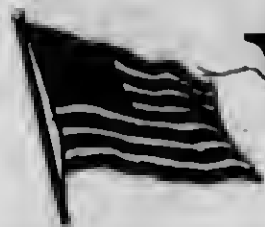
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



The former Bank of Chicago/Garfield Ridge (now a TCF Bank)

Garfield Ridge of yesterday--and tomorrow

By Annette Dixon

Half of the homes in the area were built in 1950 and the far southwest blocks south of 59th street did not experience new construction until the 70's. The population is 33,396 with an estimated declined population of 32,582 for 2003. According to Baird & Warner, 1998 median home value is 105,231 and 1998 median family income is \$41,411.

Homes worth more than \$229,000 were built as bi-levels or two-story building without garages, finished basement or landscaping.

'Garfield Ridge' is a neighborhood that has a suburban-

like quality, good schools and public transportation. All it's city employees maintain their homes and keep their neighborhood stable.

Cape Cod homes; a bit older than 1970 with 900 to 1100 square feet tend to sell for 140,000 to 165,000 and yet a good buy, a 3-bedroom Georgian can still be purchased for 135,000 or less.

Stores are plentiful especially on Archer Avenue, but don't overlook 63rd St. and also Harlem Avenue. Our customers are on Cicero Ave. especially our favorite Masters Restaurant and Pancake House.

Midway Airport is a major local employer, especially

when the new construction took place. The plan was to create approximately 94,000, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation.

Garfield Ridge is family orientated, which means the big demand for parks is necessary. Vittum and Wentworth are the two parks in Garfield Ridge, plus they have 2 playgrounds.

Well, Garfield Ridge came a long way from that farm of 'Long John' Wentworth, and now with very few lots available, Garfield Ridge residents will be happy to know that by the year 2010 their property will still continue to grow in value due to all prosperity the businesses will acquire. Shop in Garfield Ridge!

Computer Renaissance offers free Internet service

Computer Renaissance, 7776 S. Cicero Ave. in Burbank is offering an

Zalewski announces Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Chicago Alderman Michael Zalewski announced the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation's 23rd Ward is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, November 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The old chemicals and cleaners that get stored up in basements and garages can be extremely dangerous to children and household pets," Zalewski said. "I encourage Chicago residents to utilize this free service by the city, and dispose of these hazardous chemicals."

The following are suggested items that residents should dispose of: automotive fluids, harsh cleaners, household lubricants, old cans of paint, pesticides, photo chemicals and solvents. Only residential waste will be accepted. All items collected will be recycled or disposed of safely.

The 23rd Ward Yard is located at 5556 S. Central Ave., across the street from Midway Airport. The drop-off is meant for Chicago residents only.

For more information call Alderman Zalewski's office at (773) 582-7323.

Internet service that's completely free to almost everyone. The Burbank store will provide free Alta Vista Internet start-up disks during the holiday season. Disks will be available to those visiting Computer Renaissance.

"Computer Renaissance is a consumer's advocate, not a manufacturer's advocate," says store owner Mary Beth Tepper. "We are countering the widespread gimmicks with an Internet service that's really free and really great. When you don't have to worry about Internet costs, you can concentrate on getting the best computer for your needs."

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Thursday, Dec. 2	Free hot coffee 8 - 10 a.m.	Saturday, Dec. 11	Free horse and carriage rides 6 - 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3	Free Friday "el" and bus rides 7 - 11 a.m.	Marshall Field's State Street/Walnut Room appearance	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4	Free horse and carriage rides 6 - 9 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 12	"Sunday Sweets are our Treat" (Elves surprise diners at various Chicago restaurants with free dessert) 5 - 6 p.m.

This is a partial list of the Jingle Elves schedule this coming holiday season. For more details about the Marshall Field's Jingle Elves' 12 Days of Christmas' random acts of kindness, please contact Beth Silverman at (312) 751-5530 or Marice Gardner at (312) 751-5557.

This year's parade will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25 at 9:30 a.m. on State Street beginning at Congress Parkway and traveling north to Randolph Street.

For more information, please call (773) 935-8747.

Offices to close for Veteran's Day

All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Thursday, November 11, for Veteran's Day, and will reopen Friday, November 12, Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently. The only exception is the Ford City facility, which is open seven days a week in the Ford City Mall.

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Worth applies pressure to demolish Stewart Home

By: F.J. Soczek

A Circuit Court judge is scheduled on November 12th to decide the fate of the stately, villa-styled home of Robert Stewart, 7360 W. 110th St. in Worth.

The Village of Worth is seeking demolition of the local landmark structure, claiming it is "unsound" and "hazardous."

Mr. Stewart has invested over 9 years of labor, as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars on his unique, one-of-a-kind dream home.

Although recent ill-health has precluded a timely completion of his project, years of protracted legal sparring with Village has taken a significant toll on his spirit.

Among his countless

frustrations are the structural elements criticized as "lacking" in a Village sponsored "engineering evaluation" of his home.

These massive wood timbers and I beams were, according to Stewart, "removed" from his property by Village order.

The Village is apparently confident the Stewart "problem" will soon be rectified.

A demolition firm has reportedly been solicited....even before Mr. Stewart has had the opportunity to explain his side of the story in a court of law.

Hopefully, the assigned judge will be a kindred spirit, and rule with compassion for a singular man with the courage and fortitude to follow, and perhaps pay dearly for, his loftiest dreams.

A plant lover's dream

By Jude Coyle

After conducting an extensive survey, N.A.S.A. found

that plants filter impurities from the air, particularly manufacturing fumes. They

also found that goods like hardwood flooring, carpeting, etc. continue to give off fumes long after installation. The plant N.A.S.A. found to be the best air filter is the Janet Craig variety of dreacaena. John Zender, owner of Tropical Designs, explained that more information is available on N.A.S.A.'s web site.

Tropical Designs, 10725 S. Ridgeland in Chicago Ridge, is an incredible store, a place every plant lover dreams about. John enjoys a strong wholesale and retail business in live plants. In the store, he sells the same baskets, along with individual plants, empty baskets and other items. Also available are miniature violets in self watering containers. At Christmas, John offers the same containers with miniature poinsettias.

The store at this location has been open since January. Before that, Tropical Designs was located at 89th and California in Evergreen Park. According to John, he is not only servicing the same wholesale customers, but he is building a strong retail clientele as well.

John, a Chicago native, lives in Burbank. He earned a degree in electronic engineering from Florida Atlantic University. He returned home after that, and went to work as a general manager for an electrical manufacturing concern near the Airport. He said he enjoyed his work. After retiring from that position, he became a business consultant. Again, he enjoyed his work. It was during that phase of his life that he met the previous owner of Tropical Design. The man was looking for someone to take over the business. John agreed. He had learned about the growing and caring for plants in horticulture classes at college. And yes, he loves this job, too.

John's favorite plant is the tiki variety of the

defenbachia. It is a relatively new plant strain, with dark green, variegated leaves. We spoke about poisonous plants, and unfortunately, John says the defenbachia is possibly the most poisonous. The juice from the leaves can cause an allergic reaction where one's throat might constrict. For parents or pet owners who are concerned about poisonous plants, he recommends the peace lily.

Tips from John: Ferns like their soil on the dry side. They like indirect sunlight and daily mistings. Misting a plant with rubbing alcohol help to prevent mold, fungus and infestations. Bugs can be killed off by swabbing plants with a q-tip dipped in a solution of one part dish or laundry soap and 2 parts water.

Palos Community Hospital teaches people with diabetes how to manage their disease

Instead of letting diabetes control their lives, people with this chronic disease need to learn to manage their symptoms. But in order to get a handle on diabetes, it's important to understand what the disease is all about; it's much more complicated than just taking insulin or watching what you eat. That's why Palos Community Hospital offers a free education program, called the Diabetes Self-Management Class.

Topics include types of diabetes, complications associated with uncontrolled blood sugars, nutrition, coping with the disease, diabetes medications and the importance of self-blood glucose monitoring.

Classes meet every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on the third Monday of each month from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information, call (708) 923-4145.

A letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

The announcement Oct. 13 by the state transportation officials that they support a full-access interchange between I-294 and I-57 is a major victory for communities and organizations across the south metropolitan region that have been working together to achieve this goal so vital to the economic vitality of our area.

South suburban leaders have been asking for a full-access interchange for at least 20 years and their efforts have set the stage for this latest effort. Through the Metro Southwest Alliance, I have worked to build regional consensus for a full-access interchange with local municipal officials, the Southwest Conference of Mayors, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Conference, Southland Convention and Tourist Bureau, Chicago Southland Chamber and local

Palos United Methodist Church observes All Saints Day

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 7th at Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 Harlem Ave. in Palos Heights, at both services: 8:45 and 11 a.m.

All members who have died since last All Saints will be memorialized, with opportunity for everyone to remember all other deceased loved ones as well. A red rose will be placed on the altar for each member and a candle lit in their honor. Memorials purchased during the last year will also be dedicated.

For more information, please call (708) 448-0798.

cal news organizations.

The Metro Southwest Alliance Corridor Council has been advocating for more than a year for a full-access interchange to promote economic development, ease transportation gridlock and enhance the quality of our life. The Corridor Council hosted meetings in the affected communities and talked with residents regarding the opportunities related to this project. Members worked closely with state and federal officials, including Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. and Congressman William Lipinski. By building a regional consensus, and by keeping our project in the forefront, we have avoided the unfortunate fates of several other road improvement projects, which were eliminated from the Toll Highway Authority's long-range plan.

Earlier this year, the state announced that \$39 million was included in the Illinois FIRST program for a partial interchange. The coalition brought pressure to bear with the happy result being the Oct. 13 announcement to the Corridor Council that the state will plan for a full access interchange. Challenged that remain are identifying and overcoming possible hurdles, such as funding deficiencies or regulations that might slow this project.

Most importantly, this effort has demonstrated that by working together as a region, there is no limit to what we can achieve. And in working together we should always keep in mind that "a rising tide lifts all boats". No community should be left behind.

Sincerely,
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CarMax is still a controversy for Oak Lawn

By: F.J. Soczek

"We believe that business goes where it's invited... And stays where it's well treated"

Village of Oak Lawn, Community Development Mission Statement

Approximately one month ago, attorneys for a CarMax automobile dealership notified the Village Clerk of their intent to appeal a denial by the Planning and Development Commission to build a facility at 6550 W. 95th St.

Vincent Cainkar, counsel for CarMax, explained several officials would be flying in from out of state and requested confirmation of the proceedings, scheduled for November 9th.

Charts and drawings were lined up inside the meeting room. Attorneys were present. Several dozen concerned business people who normally do not attend such meetings were present. And patiently waiting to be heard.

Trustee Wm. Keane immediately requested the scheduled discussion should be postponed. He needed more time to think about the matter—despite the fact the topic was initiated August 12, 1999.

As such, everyone who took the time and expense to attend the pre-scheduled public forum should go home and come back at some future time. When Mr. Keane is more prepared.

Oblivious to the meretricious slogan bearing the words "invited" and "well treated," Keane's fellow Board members concurred.

Discussion was rescheduled for November 23. The above controversy

stems from the fact that at least five local car dealers do not want an additional member of the fraternity to join their ranks. The Oak Lawn Automobile Dealers Association has retained legal counsel to fight the request for additional sales space requested by CarMax.

The main point of contention is the current Village zoning ordinance which requires a ratio to 2 feet of "outdoor" sales area for every 1 foot of "indoor" sales space.

CarMax is requesting a 5-1 ratio due to the greater display requirements of a used car dealership. New car dealerships have traditionally taken orders for sales based on floor samples, hence requiring overall less space.

Peter M. Rosenthal, counsel for the Car Dealers Assn. stated in a letter dated November 2 that while no existing dealership appeared to be in compliance the formal 2-1 sales area ratio, none are "anywhere near the 5-1 ratio" requested by CarMax.

Trustee Guidish discusses police

by Jude Coyle

I had a chance to sit down with Trustee Jeffrey Guidish recently. He is the village's police and ordinance officer. I asked him about the success of this program. He spoke of the Bridgeview bike patrol, and how officers have been able to get into tight areas like trailer courts and parks, and meet the residents and be with the children. He says part of their job is public relations. The intent of course is to be in the right place before they are needed,

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum suggested the Board review recent legislation enacted by the City of Chicago that ensured greater regulation of "Payday Loan" establishments.

Rosenbaum has long opposed the policies of the latter businesses which have proliferated significantly in the last several years. Three figure "annual" interest rates are frequently charged for typical short term loan transactions.

Trustee Ron Stancik stated he noticed "sale" prices at many local businesses are not always reflected on the final product as it is "scanned" at checkout. Mr. Stancik urged the Board to monitor the situation, but offered no suggestions on the logistics of such an endeavor.

Trustee Robt. Streit requested construction of a sidewalk on 97th St. from Central Ave. to Columbus Manor School. Streit also inquired about the status of the "Sweeney Bldg" located at 96th & Cook Ave. The

to get to know the residents and to earn their confidence. As Mr. Guidish said, he might know what's going on at the end of his block, and his kids might know more. Officers riding in cars have no way of knowing. The important thing is to do what is best for the village and its residents.

In recent months, the village has been able to take what he called a 'stagnant' department, and turn it around. Formerly when an officer turned up for work in the morning, Guidish explained, the officer would be expected to put on his uniform get in his car. He drove the same way each morning, took the same turns and kept his mouth shut. Now, under

Village recently approved purchase of the property to build another parking lot; Village Mgr. J. Faber noted the owner has not yet signed the legal documents tendered by the Village.

The Board unanimously agreed to increase garbage collection fees 16 cents per month due to additional costs recently sustained by the Village.

Chief Chuck Chigas, officers are encouraged to speak up and offer suggestions. And that encouragement, Mr. Guidish feels filters down to the lowest ranked officer, and to the community.

The village has sunk money from drug funds into updating the department. Besides the bike patrol, and placing more officers on the street, the police department has acquired dogs, a first for the village, and also the only dogs in the area. They have acquired training facilities. Mr. Guidish described a training system he had seen recently, a projection devise that places an officer in a situation that required the officer to react. Trustee Guidish called the unit frightfully realistic, and said he is glad not to be a police officer. He hopes to be able to make arrangements with neighboring department for use of their training facilities, as well as the dogs.

Recently, the Sun Times showed a photograph of a Bridgeview officer holding a speed gun. This is a life size cardboard cut-out that Chief Chigas had seen advertised in a magazine. It is surprisingly realistic, and has put a dent in speeders taking Oketo to avoid tie-ups on Harlem.

Mr. Guidish's goal ultimately, is to bring a 10th rate police department forward, and hopefully make it number one in the area. He feels they have made a good start.

Marine Corps League Veterans prepare to salute



Marine veterans met during the Oak Lawn Veterans Day commemoration. They are there to pay honor to the fallen soldiers.

Brosnahan calls for Emerald Park Nursing Home to be shut down

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) has called for the shut down of Emerald Park Nursing Home located near 94th and Pulaski in Evergreen Park. In a letter sent to the department of Public Health, Representative Brosnahan detailed over 1000 of evergreen Police department's Incident/Offense reports that itemize Emerald Park's deficient policies effecting the safety, health and welfare of it's residents.

"After reviewing these police reports, it is plainly evident that the safety of the nursing home residents, as well as the safety of the village residents, is in serious jeopardy if Emerald Park is to stay open," Brosnahan said.

Brosnahan explained that one criteria why Emerald Park Nursing Home should be closed down is the lack of adequate security and trained staff to care for it's residents. Since 1997, the evergreen Police Department has reported cases of Criminal Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault, Criminal Trespass to land, Aggravated Battery and

Battery at the facility.

"Many Emerald Park residents have physical and mental conditions and need appropriate care and safeguards," Brosnahan said. "As evidenced by the police reports, Emerald Park does not provide the correct measures and are jeopardizing the safety and well-being of it's residents."

Brosnahan further explained that Emerald Park Nursing Home does not enforce the correct procedures for residents logging in and out of the nursing home. Since 1997, there have been over 70 missing person reports. The reports note that many of these residents walk away from Emerald Park and do not return for days at a time. The reports also note that many of the missing residents suffer from serious mental and physical disorders, including psychosis, bipolar disorder, dementia, alcoholism, schizophrenia, drug addiction and visual impairment.

Brosnahan said revoking Emerald Park's operating license is the best possible solution for it's residents safety, health and welfare.

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Bridgeview to purchase sign for center

by Jude Coyle

Village president Steven M. Landek called the November 10th regular board meeting of the Bridgeview board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. Village Clerk Claudette Struzik called roll. Trustees Wayne F. Grabinski, Jeffrey S. Guidish, Joseph J. Kaput, Norma J. Pinion, Michael J. Pticek and Mary M. Sutton attended.

Clerk Struzik opened bids for the purchase and installation of a double sided outdoor L.E.D. sign for the Community Center. Quantum Graphics bid \$43,690. Stack Sign and Graphics bid \$65,683 for a sign with amber L.E.D., and \$54,859 for a sign with red L.E.D. Trustee Pinion motioned for the bids to be turned over to the engineer for his recommendation, and the board accepted. That was agreed.

Trustee Guidish, police and ordinance enforcement committee chair, asked that the next candidate for sergeant be called up. The board approved.

Trustee Grabinski, building, zoning, & economic de-

Naturalist speaks at garden club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 18, 1999 at 9:15 a.m. at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Rm. 9.

The speaker will be Forest Preserve District Naturalist Julie Vandervort. She will speak on the topic "Getting in Touch with Nature." Hostesses for the meeting will be Marge Clinkman, Marge Repp and Virginia Hilkens.

Worth Twp. seniors have luncheon

The Worth Township Senior Citizens Organizations will have their next General Meeting on Friday, Dec. 3, 1999 in the Gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. This is the group's Kick-off luncheon in celebration of the Worth Township Sesquicentennial. For reservations call (708)371-2900

velopment committee chair recommended three business license applications for the board's approval:

Wal-Mart 7725 S. Harlem (Warehouse)

T. & J. Auto Body 9011 S. Oketo (Auto Body Repair)

Corn Products International, Inc. 7830 W. 71st Street (Manufacturer) License is contingent on the upgrade of existing fire and alarm systems.

The Board approved the licenses as presented.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:35. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11/17, at 7:30 p.m.

Langhofer named state coordinator for Youth for Forbes

Buzz Langhofer of Parkland College was named Illinois state coordinator for Youth for Forbes.

"Steve Forbes is what every politician should be, but never is. I have worked on literally dozens of campaigns, and yet I have never believed in a candidate as much as I now believe in Forbes. Commitment to principles, morals and a better tomorrow - those are the qualities that set Steve Forbes above the rest," said Langhofer

As state coordinator, Langhofer will direct all youth campaign efforts in Illinois for the duration of the 2,000 Presidential race.

Illinois Senate committee creates tobacco settlement bill

The Illinois Senate Executive Committee passed legislation to create a special fund for the state's tobacco settlement money while lawmakers decide on a long-term approach to make the best use of the funds.

The trust fund created by House Bill 1628 would keep the funds separate from the state's general operating funds and prevent the state from spending the money as



George Washington Savings receives Image Award

Paul Groah and Don Andersen of the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation present Mark Wiegel (center), vice president of George Washington Savings, 102nd St. and Cicero Ave., with an Image Award. The award is given to businesses in recognition of their efforts to beautify Oak Lawn. George Washington Savings received the award due to their extensive landscaping and their placement of flowers used to beautify the area adjacent to Cicero Avenue.

part of the regular budget. Suggestions for the estimated \$9.1 billion the state expects to receive over 25 years include smoking prevention and cessation programs and investment of the funds, with the interest being used for various programs. The legislation will now go before the full Senate and must be passed there and by the House of Representatives before going to the Governor.

"Late Night Catechism" coming to Our Lady of Loretto

"Late Night Catechism" is coming to Our Lady of Loretto, 8925 S. Kostner Ave. in Hometown, on Friday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The show is a hilarious presentation of nostalgia and Catholic memories as 'Sister' takes over the class. Mary McHale stars in this one woman show.

Tickets are \$20. Call Patti or Peggy at 708-424-7471 for tickets/information.

Sheriff's gun buy back breaks record

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan collected thousands of weapons in the first-ever Sheriff's Police Department gun buy back program conducted earlier this fall. Nearly 5,500 handguns, shotguns and rifles were collected in the buy back effort, making it the most successful nationwide drive on record.

"The record-setting success of this program is proof that ordinary citizens are more aware of gun violence and are willing to do their part to make our communities safer," Sheahan said.

About 70 percent of the weapons collected were small caliber handguns and the rest were long-barrel shotguns and rifles, including an AK-47 assault rifle, an Uzi submachine gun, a World War II collectible German Luger handgun, and a spy-style, small-caliber gun disguised as an ink pen.

RUSSIAN GENERAL VYCHESLAV BORISOV

Deputy Chief commander of the Soviet Union's 100,000 combat troops in Russia's war with Afghanistan, infamous for his diligent persecution of the Underground Church, "Russian General Vycheslav Borisov was a feared military strong-man and a communist leader. Considered the architect of Russia's strategy for Armageddon, he was given the code name of General War" and a bounty of \$1,500,000.00 was offered for his execution. As his helicopter was hit by enemy fire, the General cried out to God, "If you are able, Lord have mercy on me and spare my life." His helicopter crashed into the mountains and exploded.

The "Voice of America" announced that General War had finally been destroyed. Surviving the crash, the General began to use his authority for a different mission.

In 1991 General Borisov allowed an American missionary team from Revival Fires Ministries to conduct evangelistic meetings on his military base near Moscow. General Borisov was at that time the first and only commander to open his military base to the preaching to the Gospel. This was the beginning of a new direction for Russia's military that has resulted in a revival among its

soldiers and commanders.

Utilizing his command over one million soldiers in Russia's Red Army have received the Bibles provided by Revival Fires, and it is their mission to provide Bibles to all of Russia's military.

An Eighteen year General, Borisov speaks in full uniform. He has the powerful presence of a world leader. Among his speaking appointments include; the Dallas, Texas Promise Keepers rally in Cowboy Stadium, the Pentagon, in Washington D.C., various National and International conferences, Christian television interviews on TBN, CBN, and many of the largest Churches in the world. The General's powerful message challenges believers and reaches out to non-believers. He is humorous and a distinguished gentleman, and his testimony is a riveting account of God's miraculous mercy.

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was hit by enemy fire, he cried out to God for mercy. Crashing into the mountains, the General miraculously emerged a survivor. At that moment Russian General Vycheslav Borisov, became the first and only Soviet Commander to turn his back on Communism and boldly announce his faith in Jesus Christ. Only today, after the break up of the Soviet Union, General Borisov is allowed to give his powerful testimony in rare personal appearance. This meeting is being hosted by:

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Wilfred Benitez is the youngest world champion in boxing history. He was 17 1/2 when he won the light-welterweight title in his home country of Puerto Rico in 1976.

TRAVELERS' VACATION 'WISH LIST'

NEW YORK (C/A News Service) - What do American couples want out of a vacation? That question was posed to several thousand resort guests recently, and the answers varied from romance to adventure to education...and truth.

With Americans spending more than \$72 billion on foreign vacations each year, according to the Travel Industry Association of America (TIAA), the American traveler has a long list of "wants" and "gripes".

According to research conducted over a one-year period by all-inclusive resorts leader Sandals Resorts International, on the "wants" list for the perfect vacation are such things as romance, memorable food, quality accommodations, fun activities, cultural sites, relaxation, attentive service and a good value for the money.

No stranger to the vacation business, Sandals Resorts International has been offering consumers more quality, choices and innovations at its luxury hotels throughout the Caribbean for more than 18 years. Honored with virtually every industry award, including World's Best All Inclusive Resorts for six consecutive years, Sandals studied thousands of guests' comments,

product analysis, competitive comparisons and feedback from travel agents, wholesalers and property general managers.

"The truth is that not all all-inclusive resorts are alike -- some are really partial inclusions," stated Sandals Chairman Gordon "Butch" Stewart. "Often times consumers have been misled by claims that don't measure up. We've taken the guesswork out and given consumers invaluable knowledge to make smart, informed decisions."

In introducing the Sandals and Beaches Rating System, Stewart is encouraging other all-inclusive resorts to use Sandals' format or something very close to it. To that end, Sandals has entered into a research venture with a leading travel Web site publishing company, World Internet Group, to jointly develop over the next several months a Web site for consumers -- www.allinclusiveratings.com.

By the year 2000, the Web site will provide consumers with an overview of all the all-inclusive resorts who chose to participate, so that they can select the all-inclusive property that best meets their expectations of the perfect vacation.

F.O.P. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

President William Nolan of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Officer Jerome Finnigan for his heroic action in a life threatening situation.

Officer Finnigan was off duty and in a store at 4500 S. Cicero Ave., when three offenders entered, wearing ski masks and announcing a robbery. The officer was ordered to lie on the floor, at which time one of the offenders attempted to remove his wallet which contained his star and police identification. A .45 cal automatic was pressed against the officer's head, but the offender was distracted for a second and Officer Finnigan was able to draw his weapon and announce his office. Two shots were fired at the officer who sought cover from the offender who exited the store.

The officer observed another offender with his weapon pointed to the back of the store owner's head. He ordered the offender to drop his weapon, but he pointed it at the officer. Finnigan fired at the offender and he also fled the store with the officer in pursuit. He confronted both offenders, who were still armed, and was able to shoot one of them in the leg. Along with responding units following a trail of blood, they were able to apprehend two of the three offenders, recovering one of the weapons and the

masks wore by them. The third offender was captured later after the investigation was completed.

President Nolan said, "Officer Finnigan defeated an armed robbery, protected the citizens in the establishment and removed three dangerous felons from the streets of Chicago and the Fraternal Order of Police is proud to present him with our Distinguished Service Award."

Pictured from the left is President Nolan presenting the plaque to Officer Finnigan.



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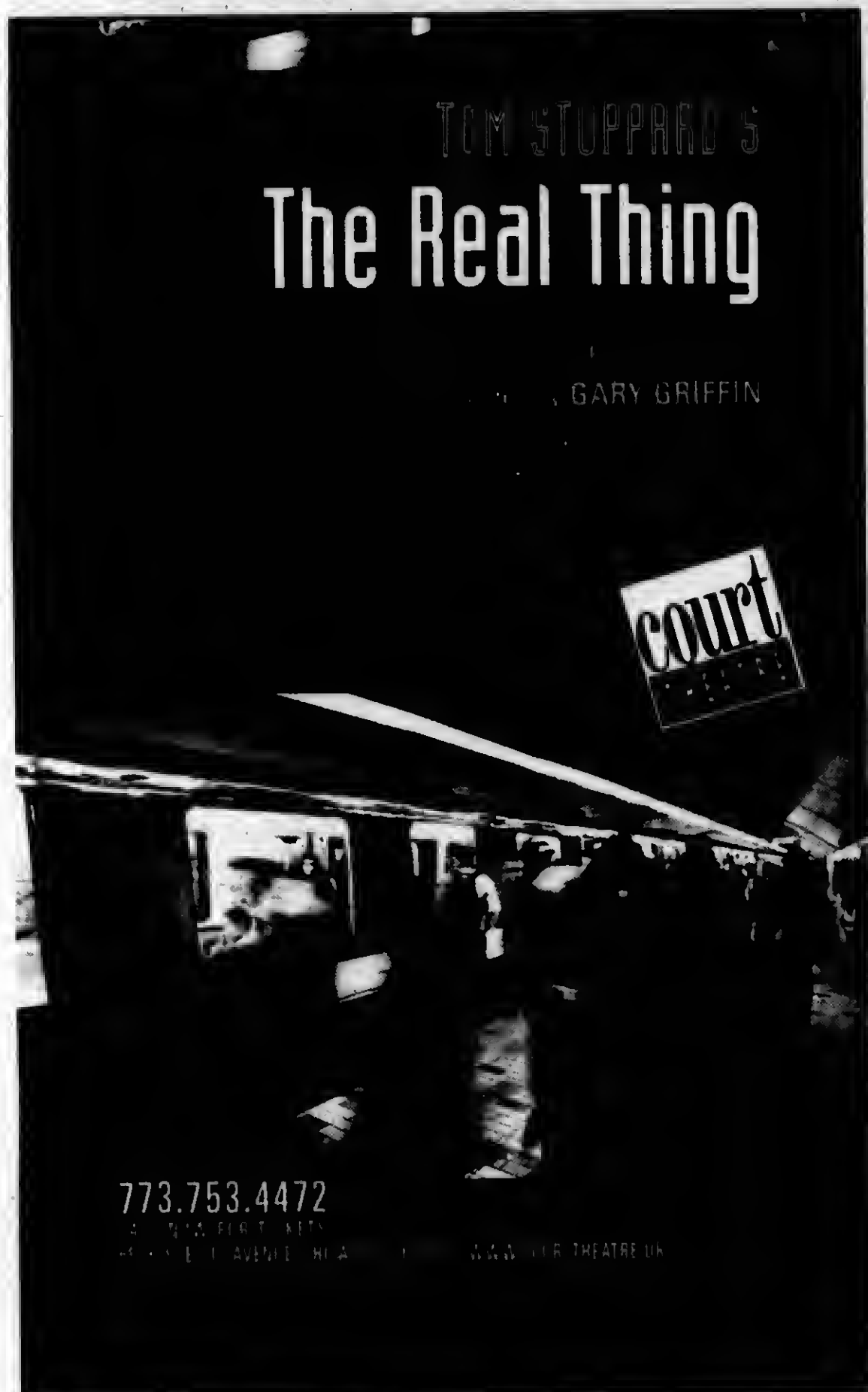
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Many historians consider Japan's ruling dynasty to be the oldest in the world. Legend assigns the date 660 B.C. to the reign of the first emperor.



HEATHER HEADLEY, ADAM PASCAL AND SHERIE RENE SCOTT TO STAR IN ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA"

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Walt Disney Theatrical Productions (Peter Schneider, Thomas Schumacher, Producers) have announced that Heather Headley (the original Nala in "The Lion King" and currently heard on the Elton John-Tim Rice album "AIDA" singing "Elaborate Lives"), Adam Pascal (who became an international sensation as the star of Broadway's "Rent"), and Sherie Reni Scott (last seen on Broadway in "Rent" and who starred in the new Kander and Ebb, musical "Over and Over") will star in

Elton John and Tim Rice's "AIDA." Directed by Robert Falls (Artistic Director of Chicago's Goodman Theatre and director of the Tony Award-winning Broadway revival of "Death of a Salesman"), "AIDA" features choreography by Wayne Cilento (Tony Award-winner for "The Who's Tommy"), sets and costumes by Bob Crowley ("Twelfth Night," and a Tony Award-winner for "Carousel"), lighting design by Natasha Katz (Tony nominee for "Beauty and the Beast" and "Twelfth Night"), book by Linda Woolverton (Tony nominee for "Beauty and the Beast") and music direction by Paul Bogaev ("Sunset Boulevard"). Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang is a creative consultant to the project.

Robert Falls, artistic director of Chicago's Goodman Theatre said, "Elton and Tim's music is so passionate, I found myself moved by the sheer size and scope of the story. They have written a musical that contemporary audiences will respond to. I am thrilled not only with this creative team, but to be starting this new musical in Chicago, my home town and the best of all possible cities to launch a new theatrical production."

"AIDA" will be presented in Chicago by Fox Theatricals and PACE Theatrical Group as the inaugural production of Chicago's newly restored and renovated Palace Theatre. 151 West Randolph Street, beginning November 12 and continuing through January 9, 2000. Tickets are now on sale.

Following the Chicago engagement, "AIDA" will begin performances on Broadway at the Palace Theatre (1554 Broadway, New York). The Opening Night for the Broadway run will be March 23.

The 25-member cast also includes: Tyrees Allen, John Hickok, Daniel Oreskes, Damian Perkins, and Robert Armitage, Troy Alan Burgess, Franne Calma, Bob Gaynor, Kisha Howard, Tim Hunter, Youn Kim, Kyra Little, Kenya Massey, Corrine McFadden, Phineas Newborn, Jody Ripplinger, Raymond Rodriguez, Eric Sciutto, Samuel Thiam, Jerald Vincent, Schele Williams, and Natalia Zisa.

"AIDA" tells the story of

a love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess forced into slavery, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the soldier they both love.

"AIDA" marks the second stage collaboration for Elton John and Tim Rice. Their previous work on the stage production of "The Lion King" has become a Broadway phenomenon, winning the Tony Award and New York Drama Critics Awards in 1998 as Best Musical, and the Grammy Award as Best Musical Show Album of 1998.

Peter Schneider and Thomas Schumacher, producers of "AIDA," won the 1998 Tony Award for Best Musical for "The Lion King." Schneider and Schumacher said, "We are thrilled to be the opening production of the Palace Theatre in Chicago. PalMet Venture, Fox Theatricals and PACE Theatrical Group should be congratulated on their bold and daring venture in the restoration of the Palace. As we experienced with the renovation of the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York with "The Lion King," there is nothing more exciting than re-opening a historic theatre with a brand new musical."

Michael Leavitt, president of the Palace Theatre and executive producer of Fox Theatricals said, "It is fitting that "AIDA" be the inaugural production at the restored and renovated Palace Theatre, as both projects combine the best of the old and new. "AIDA" features a timeless story told through a rock score; the Palace, similarly, is a historic jewel which is being converted into a state-of-the-art theatre. Fox Theatricals and PACE Theatrical group are thrilled to be introducing this exciting new musical to Chicago." The Palace opened in 1926 as the flagship of vaudeville's legendary Orpheum Circuit. During the 1930s, it was converted into a movie palace, initially presenting films with live stage shows, then eventually showing films only. In subsequent decades, the venue was used to show films (including Cinerama in the 1950s), occasional live stage shows, rock concerts and as a banquet facility. Fox Theatricals and PACE Theatrical Group will operate the venue, which

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It's Not The Flag, Stupid

By Patrick H. Brady

It's the Constitution! The 1989 Supreme Court decision defining flag burning as speech should outrage every American, flag burners as well as those who love Old Glory. That decision defiled our sacred Constitution and we should all be upset whether or not we care one whit about the flag.

The Constitution is our only protection against tyranny. It is the source of our virtue as a people, a virtue which gives us the strength to protect and defend ourselves from any external enemy on this planet. Our Constitution is also the source of most of the freedom in the world, paid for by the blood and sweat of our veterans who swore to protect and defend it.

Those veterans did not swear allegiance to a king or a queen or a dictator or a party, they swore allegiance to the Constitution, a set of values. The values in the Constitution reflect the ideals and vision of our Founders, ideals that are timeless, ideals that should not be hacked away by passing political hacks. Calling flag burning "speech" profanes the

Founding Fathers definition of speech, a vital element of the First Amendment to our Constitution.

Our Founders knew that if the people were to replace autocrats and properly exercise their responsibility as rulers, they needed to be politically able to freely express themselves verbally and in writing. And they needed to be free to peacefully assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The Founders were dedicated to rational and reasoned rhetoric. They knew that when rhetoric failed, violence reigned. They never intended that any one be allowed to substitute hateful violent conduct for reasonable rational speech.

Burning the flag is not rhetoric, it is not reasonable or rational and it has no part in a peaceful assemble. Only tyrants who are unable to properly articulate their cause, but seek power at any cost, take their venom out on helpless people or objects. In truth, personal power is their only cause.

If the founders feared anything they feared the tyrannical power of a minority indifferent to the

wishes of the majority. We have seen the terrors of such power in the likes of Hitler, Stalin, Mao Tse Tung.

But if you can control the First Amendment, the constitution is yours and so is power. The flag burners are not the enemies to Our constitution, it is those who call flag burning speech, who seek to control our Constitution who are the real enemies.

One minority which stands out in its efforts to distort the constitution is the ACLU. Their values are alien to the Founders and so it is not surprising that they would use their millions of dollars and packs of lawyers to bully and sue boy scouts, parents, teachers, praying athletes and people of faith while defending atheist, pornographers and flag burners.

Truth is a virtue and that word has no meaning in their definition of the Constitution so it is not surprising that they would lie to achieve their ends. They have actually accused me of advocating "Re-education camps" for flag burners. I have never used that term. Their intent is to confuse and terrorize good and faithful citizens by tying

the vast majority of Americans who believe they should have the right to protect their flag, that flag burning is not speech, with the horrors of communist and Nazi prison camps.

O.L. church hosts Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn, will host a combined Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Burbank Manor, Chicago Ridge, Hickory Hills and Oak Lawn Trinity churches will also participate along with their choirs.

An offering of non-perishable food items will be taken during the service.

For more information, call 708-599-4025.

Snackville Junction serves free Thanksgiving dinner

Snackville Junction, 9144 S. Kedzie Ave. in Evergreen Park, will be serving free Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner from noon until 4 p.m.

This will be the 14th year that they have provided this meal at no cost to anyone who comes to Snackville. The menu will consist of turkey, with all the trimmings,

dressing, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and beverages. Homemade pumpkin pie (with or without whipped cream) will top off the feast.

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Snackville wishes to thank many of their purveyors and friends for their annual support that allows them to continue the tradition.

For more information, stop in Monday - Friday 11a.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays from 9-8p.m. or Sundays from 9-4p.m.

E.P. Citizen Services to celebrate New Years Eve at Noon

The Village of Evergreen Park's Office of Citizen Services will be holding a Millennium Party at the Martinique on Friday, December 31, 1999, from

12:00-4:00p.m. The party also celebrates the department's twenty-fifth anniversary. The ticket price includes a show with comic Chuck Salvo, complete dinner (choice of prime rib or scrod), dancing and 2 cocktails.

Tickets are \$45 and are available now at the Office of Senior Services, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. For every 19 tickets purchased, you receive 1 complimentary. For more information call (708) 422-8776

American Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Lexington House

The Beverly South, Christian Women's Club invites you and your friends to an American Thanksgiving Luncheon, at noon on Thursday, November 18, 1999 at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

Two middle school history teachers will share a cornucopia of stories about the Pilgrims' first thanksgiving. Enjoy a feast of special music from Barb VanSchouwven and Joy Van Milligan. The event will also feature Pillsbury Bake Off Winner, Ann Groves.

For more information please contact Marcella for reservations at (708)430-5062. Free, on the premises child care is available.

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Seniors Ask: Y2K

By Margo E. Schrieber,
Director of the Illinois Department on Aging

Question: As the year comes to a close, I'm getting a bit nervous about Y2K, especially because I'm older and live alone. I don't know whether it's nothing to worry about or if I actually need to prepare for the worst. What should I do?

Answer: First, let me tell you that you are not alone in your concerns about Y2K. This technology bug may cause computers to confuse the year 2000 with 1900. No one knows what problems may occur, how widespread they may be, or how long they will last.

The good news is that federal, state and local governments, as well as banks and other financial institutions, retail businesses and every other group affected by this problem have been working together to try and solve it and ensure that public health and safety services will not be disrupted when the new millennium starts.

So, let us not think of December 31 at midnight as "doomsday." There is no rea-

son to overreact. But, here is what you should do: You should prepare just as you would for the winter storm season, in case there are disruptions with heat, electricity, telephone, or appliances etc.

That means it's a good idea to have the following on hand:

- 3-Day supply of food and water.
- Battery powered radio and flashlights.
- Extra batteries.
- Prescriptions and non-prescription medications
- Small amount of cash.
- Seasonal outdoor clothes
- At least a half-tank of gas.

Ask your doctor how to handle your medical conditions should an emergency arise. Make a list of all of your medical conditions and have your medical insurance and Medicare cards readily available. As always, it would be beneficial to have a list of doctors and relatives and friends who should be contacted, if need be.

If possible, make sure you

have an extra set of items you may need such as eyeglasses, hearing aid batteries, wheelchair batteries, or oxygen. If you receive home health services and/or use medical equipment in your home that uses electricity, contact your doctor and health services provider to discuss what you should do if an emergency arises during the date change.

For those of you who have physical impairments and use a cane or a walker, for example, it would be wise to make arrangements with your relatives and/or neighbors to regularly visit.

Also, listen for information about hazardous weather and other events on battery operated radios and televisions, and heed the advice of the American Red Cross and local officials. If you are told to evacuate, leave right away.

In some communities, senior citizens who need help and/or must have assistance for special transportation during an evacuation, may take advantage of advance registration systems in the

community. For more information about the availability of these registration systems, contact your local Red Cross chapter.

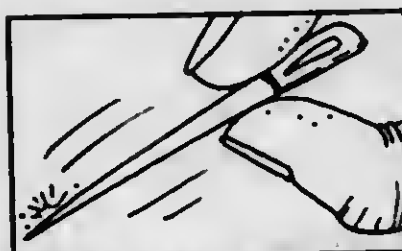
Finally, watch out for scam artists! Scam artists are trying to exploit seniors by telephoning or going door to door to sell unnecessary Y2K items such as expensive generators, survival kits, additional insurance coverage, etc.

Those who claim they are selling something as a representative of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Anyone insisting that "time is running out" and you need such items, is using scare tactics. And by all means, do not give out your account number.

Remember, you can always check with Illinois Department on Aging Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 if you are unsure about how to get ready for Y2K of for the winter storm season.

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Career Opportunities In Engineering

(NAPS)—A web site that shows the secrets of how things work is building interest in engineering among America's youth. The site is called Discover Engineering Online.

In addition to showing how to become an engineer, the site demonstrates the real work of real engineers in a way that will be interesting to students in grades six through nine.

One section, for example, lists several "cool things" tied to engineering, such as the mechanics of getting music from a compact disc to the ears of a snowboarding teen (as well as the breakdown of the chemical composition of that snowboard). Other cool things range from what makes soft drinks fizz to the dynamics of rollercoasters.

The site is a vast resource that was launched in celebration of National Engineers Week, co-chaired by Eastman Chemical Company. The company hopes the site will tantalize users to take a serious look into the world of engineering. Discover Engineering Online can be visited at <http://www.discoverengineering.org>.



Military News

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Issac J. Crawford, son of Sabrina Crawford of 44440 S. Cicero Ave. in Chicago is one of more than 370,000 active duty sailors celebrating the navy's 224th birthday this month. Crawford is currently on a five-month South American deployment aboard the destroyer USS O'Bannon, home ported in Mayport, Fla.

MR.. Crawford is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School joined the Navy in July 1997

Navy Fireman Jamario J. Moore, whose former guardian is Daisy L. Flowers

of 4638 S. LeClaire St. in Chicago, recently returned from a six month deployment aboard the amphibious assault ship and Amphibious Ready Group(AR) flagship USS Kearsarge, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

During the deployment, the USS Kearsarge assisted in the NATO peacekeeping operations in the Aegean Sea of the coast of Yugoslavia and assisted in the humanitarian after the earthquake in Turkey.

Mr. Moore is a 1998 graduate of Marie Curie High School.

Retirement village opens in Homer Township

Victorian Village retirement community in Homer Township, will be holding a grand opening celebration on Saturday, November 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. The public is invited. Tours will be available of the community's two new buildings: The Victorian Inn assisted living residence

and the Grand Victorian retirement residence. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

The Victorian courts maintenance-free, town home and duplex retirement community is also set on the same 18-acre campus as the Victorian Inn and the Grand Victorian.

Victorian Village is located in Homer Township on 143rd St., a quarter mile east of Bell Road. The address is 14303 S Independence Way, Lockport, IL 60441. For more information call Don Engelsman at (708) 301-0800

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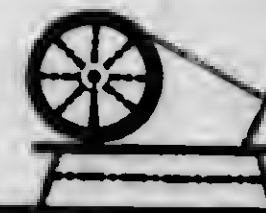
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ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN, AND CANADA ALSO HONORED.

The Chicago International Film Festival, the oldest competitive festival in North America, is pleased to announce the results of the festival film competition. This year, the distinguished Feature Jury is composed of illustrious film professionals from around the world, who have contributed their expertise to the judging of the competition. The jury includes Guglielmo Biraghi (Italy), the permanent secretary of the Chicago International Film Festival Jury for over a decade. Mr. Biraghi is a former film critic, and has been the director of the Taormina International Film Festival and the Venice Film Festival; Armida Siguion-Reyna (Philippines), noted actress and entertainer, and chairperson of the Movie & Television Review and Classification Board of the Philippines; Juan Carlos Trugone (Argentina), noted

film critic, author and film historian of Spanish and Latin American Cinema; Leonardo Garcia Tsao (Mexico), film critic, educator, author, screenwriter, and historian of Mexican Cinema; Michael Wilmington (United States), chief film critic for the Chicago Tribune and author of several books on film; Jean Charles Tacchella (France), Jury President and award-winning director, known for such films as Cousin Cousine (1975) and Tous Les Jours Dimanche (1994).

In conjunction with the Federation Internationale de la Presse Cinematographique (FIPRESCI), the Festival also awarded first and second features by new directors whose productions demonstrate a strong command of the medium. The Chicago International Film Festival is the only festival in the United States working with FIPRESCI to offer this prestigious award.

The distinguished FIPRESCI Jury this year includes five noted critics from around the world: Ziva Emersic Mali (Slovenia), Ekran, Slovenian Television; Jan Aghed (Sweden), Sydsvenska Dagbladet; Lisa Alspector (United States), Chicago Reader, Viktor Matizen (Russia), Obsmchaya Gazeta; and Marcelo Janot (Brazil), Jomal do Brasil.

After lengthy and careful deliberations, the juries have selected winners. The Feature Jury has selected winners from a field of twenty films from around the world. Countries represented include Belgium, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Mexico, The Philippines, Poland, Russia, Spain, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The FIPRESCI Jury chose from a field of fifteen films from

around the world. Countries represented include France, Germany, Israel, Korea, The Philippines, Singapore, the United States, and Yugoslavia.

The winners are as follows:

The Gold Hugo Award, the Festival's highest honor, went to La Maladie De Sachs (France), directed by Michel Deville. The Silver Hugo was awarded to Not of This World (Italy), directed by Giuseppe Piccioni.

Lynne Ramsey was awarded a Silver Hugo as the Best Director for her feature debut, Ratcatcher (United Kingdom). Lea Pool took the Silver Hugo for Best Screenplay for Set Me Free (Canada/France/Switzerland).

The Silver Hugo for Best Actress went to Hilary Swank, for her performance in Boys Don't Cry (United States). The Best Actor Hugo went to Benoit Poelvoorde for his performance in The Carriers

Are Waiting (Belgium).

The FIPRESCI prize for the Best First or Second Feature was awarded to The Love of Three Oranges (Taiwan), directed by Hung Hung.

The Gold Hugo for Best Documentary went to American Hollow (United States), directed by Rory Kennedy, and the Silver Hugo for Best Documentary went to Theme: Murder (United States), directed by Martha Swetsoff.

The Gold Hugo for Best Short Narrative 15 Minutes or Over went to Acide Amime, directed by Guillaume Breaud (France). The Gold Hugo for Best Animated Short was awarded to When the Day Breaks (Canada), directed by Wendy Tilby and Amanda Forbis.

The DOCKERS KHAKIS Audience Choice Award went to three films. Solas (Spain) directed by Benito Zambrano, won First Prize. Jose Rizal (Philippines), directed by

Marilou Diaz-Abaya, was awarded Second Prize, and Tredici (United States), directed by John Hancock, took Third Prize.

The Festival also honored Mexican actor Demian Bichir with the Emerging Artist Award, which this year honors a film professional from Latin America. This marks the first presentation of an annual award to recognize emerging talents from around the world.

This year, the Festival also honored Lauren Bacall, Gregory Peck, John Frankenheimer, Morgan Freeman, and Ray Harryhausen.

The Festival screened 109 feature films and documentaries, and 58 short films from over 30 countries. The screenings included 44 United States Premieres and 11 North American Premieres.

Check out the complete schedule and awards list on the film festival's web site at <http://www.chicago.ddbn.com/filmfest>

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KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Kathy Whirity

Judging a book by its cover

How often do we judge someone at a fast glance, never bothering to get any answers or see the facts first? We find ourselves quick to form an opinion and then our judgement is hazed by what we think that someone is supposed to be.

When we encounter homeless people in the depths of their despair, a quick glance tells us they are poor, unfortunate souls. We shrug it off with barely a thought. But how often do we see past the dirty clothes or overflowing shopping cart filled with their worldly possessions. If we could look beyond the "cover" we'd be amazed at what we'd find.

There are homeless women with children. Moms just like us, but only they are at a disadvantage. Their only goal is to survive, day by miserable day. Perhaps the hard luck they face is too powerful to overcome. Without the right help, they are prevented from getting back on their feet.

If we were to look close enough, we would get a glimpse of what life's misfortunes can do to any one of us. Sometimes when I come across unfortunate realities I do my best not to judge, since I will never know the whole story in a given situation.

Life is not the same for all of us, and sometimes people don't always have a choice in the way situations are handled. It is up to us to look with our hearts and see with compassion, not with condemnation.

In our lifetime we will come across many situations where, given the chance, we will be quick to judge. But you may find that life's deepest messages are hidden between the pages of life's never ending saga. For it is when we take the time to read between the lines that we see the whole story unfold. Whether it be the homeless or poor people who are down on their luck-it is through giving that they are given a chance.

Stickney day care center has openings

The Stickney Day Care Center currently has openings for children between the ages of 30 months through five years in their subsidized day care program for low income families in Stickney Township.

To qualify for the program parents must be working full-time (25 or more hours per week) and fall within the income Guidelines established by the Illinois Department of Human Services. Tuition is then assessed on a sliding scale based on income and family size.

The day care center, which is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday, provides a full educational curriculum as well as morning/afternoon snacks and a hot catered lunch.

For further information please call Linda Hinker, director, or Lisa Mohn, assistant director, at (708) 788-8122.



Palos Hospital offers asthma education program

Asthma is a chronic lung disease that plagues 15 million children and adults. There is no cure but there are many ways asthma patients can take control.

Through its free monthly Asthma Education Program, Palos Community Hospital is teaching people how to deal with the challenges of asthma. Participants will learn how to prevent chronic and troublesome symptoms

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

When the Mayor of Chicago refused to debate Congressman Bobby Rush during the mayoral primary just a few short months ago, Rush called the Mayor's response "arrogant and rude." Rush added that choosing not to participate in a debate demonstrated a "backward approach to government" and that the Mayor was "afraid to defend his policies to the public."

Now, State Senator Barack Obama is running for Congress in the 1st Congressional District primary on March 21, 1999. On September 1, newspapers reported that Senator Obama sent a letter inviting Congressman Rush to participate in a series of four debates during the campaign season.

The nation may be experiencing a robust economy but our diverse 1st Congressional District on the city's South Side suffers from challenges that require immediate attention and straightforward answers. We can not overemphasize the federal government's role on local issues confronting the district. These issues include: transforming low-income

housing; attracting new businesses; repairing an aging infrastructure; securing new money for public transportation; reducing crime; and developing new child care alternatives.

These problems and other quality of life issues - basic tools essential in building strong communities-are too important to ignore. At most, a debate would spur innovative solutions; at the very least, it would provide a healthy exchange of ideas for the people of the community, who would listen and weigh the positions of each candidate for themselves.

Mr. Rush should let his constituents know where he stands on the issues

Dan Robinson
Chicago

edy "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be the one non-musical offering in the season. "Carousel" will start the holidays at Drury Lane and the fifth production will be "Grease" reaching into 2001.

Subscriptions for the 2000-2001 season range from \$77 to \$86 and are now on sale at the Drury Lane Oakbrook box office, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. To order by phone, call the Drury Lane Oakbrook box office at (630) 530-0111.

Drury Lane announces season

Drury Lane Oakbrook Artistic Director Ray Frewen has announced the 2000-2001 Season which includes four musicals and one comedy.

"My One and Only," the all Gershwin musical will open the Drury Lane Oakbrook season. For it's next offering, the Drury Lane stage will present the patriotic smash hit "1776." The classic com-

and recurrent bouts of asthma; maintain near normal pulmonary function; reduce the need for Emergency Room visits or hospitalization; and maintain normal activity levels.

The next class is offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 2 at Palos Community Hospital Primary Care Center, 15300 West (100) Ave., Orland Park. For more information call the Respiratory Care department at (708) 923-5530.

Dear Editor:

Americans are sick and tired of the flagrantly selfish, unethical behavior of our elected leaders. Sadly, Illinois is not exempt from the disgrace.

For years, Governor Ryan received hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of dollars in illegal campaign contributions raised by selling phony drivers licenses.

It has even been determined in the courts that some of those illicit sales led to deaths.

So where is the public outcry? Where is the righteous indignation of the news media?

And how could such a cottage industry of corruption go on for so many years without coming to the attention of the one who benefited most?

I know of only two possibilities: A) George Ryan had knowledge of the long running scam and is extraordinarily dishonest, or B) He was oblivious to the obvious, thus making him one of the worst manager/leaders in the history of western civilization.

Either way, the solution is for the governor to step down while there is still some dig-

nity left in the office.

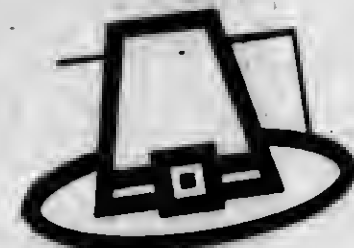
Then, to clear his name, Mr. Ryan may want to consider voluntarily submitting to a state-of-the-art polygraph test to prove he was merely a bad manager.

Jerry McGlothlin
Bureau Chief
City News USA, Inc.

Christmas Carol' at Drury Lane

From November 19th until December 30, 1999, Drury Lane Oakbrook will present the traditional musical version of Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol", adapted and directed by Artistic Director Ray Frewen. This fully staged family show stars Joe Van Slyke as Scrooge, Steve Dunne as Cratchitt and Steve Full as Marley.

Keeping prices attractive for families, individual tickets are \$6 per person and groups of 20 or more pay \$5.50 per ticket. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. curtain. Several dates also have 12:30 p.m. shows, including November 27, December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Individual and group reservations may be made by calling the theatre box office at (630) 530-0111.



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Colleen McKeever

Marquette Bank supervisor promoted

Marquette National Bank, 6316 S. Western Avenue in Chicago, announces that former Branch Supervisor Colleen McKeever has been promoted to Sales Team Leader/Officer. In her new position, Colleen will manage the Retail Sales employees and support the growth of the Bank's retail products and services in the Oak Lawn community.

Prior to joining Marquette, McKeever served as Branch Supervisor for Advance Bank, where she supervised the bank functions and sold bank products. She is a graduate of Mother McAuley High School and holds a BA in Management from St. Xavier University.

Palos Hospital offers class on Medicare billing

Are you confused by Medicare paperwork? Do you have a hard time keeping it organized? If so, Palos Community Hospital's Senior Resource staff can help you sort it out at a free seminar from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, December 7th in Conference Room A of the hospital.

Our specialists will explain Medicare and answer individual questions and concerns. Participants receive an organizer to help keep Medicare papers in order. To reserve a seat, call (708) 923-4785, Monday-Friday. Palos Community Hospital is located at 123rd St. and 80th Ave. in Palos Heights.

Mother McAuley High School Presents "No, No, Nanette"

Mother McAuley High School will present the 1925 musical comedy hit "No, No, Nanette" on November 18, 19, and 20 at 8:00 p.m. and November 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. The show tells the story of Nanette, the niece of a wealthy Bible salesman and his wife, who wants to break loose from the expected life of a young lady of her time and just have a little fun. The show is not without the usual musical comedy complications as her innocent and somewhat

naive uncle gets into trouble just trying to make people happy.

The show features a light-hearted score with familiar songs such as "I Want To Be Happy" and "Tea for Two." It is a dance and costume extravaganza with tap, soft shoe, character, ragtime, burlesque, and Charleston dance styles and elaborate costumes from day wear to beach wear to evening gowns of the 1920's. An evening of pure musical comedy delight is guaranteed for all.

The show features a cast of 125 performers, an orchestra of 30, and numerous student production crews under the direction of Patricia Haynes, Chairperson of the McAuley Theatre Department. The orchestra is conducted by Roger Rocco of the Music Department. Vocal Directors are Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, RSM, Chairperson of the Music Department, and Peg Mooney, Music Director of St. Germaine Parish, with choreography by Marci Caliendo, a 1990

graduate of McAuley and a professional actress and dancer. Set design is by Don Haynes, scenic designer for the, 99th Street Summer Theatre and McAuley productions. Lighting design is by Tarah

Karczewski and costumes will be coordinated by Marge Mazzola, both theatre instructors at McAuley. Assistant Directors are seniors Lauren Bikfasy, Christine Ferriter, Sarah Walavich and Kristin Vanderbilt.

The cast includes Andrea Prestinario and Jenny Roney as Nanette, Ken Schroeder and Mark Bartishell (as Tom, Lisa Riccardino and Lisa Vanier as Lucille, Jim

Hayner and Lawrence Thompson as Billy, Trina Gillen and Erica Zintek as Sue, Jim Potulny and John Bryar as Jimmy, Rachel Franker and Annette Fechas Pauline, Sandy Wagner and Bridget Walsh as Flora, Jacquelyn Landgraf and Laura Salkas as Betty, and Shannon Bracken and Amy Kobel as Winnie. A large ensemble of singers and dancers rounds out the cast.

Tickets will go on sale the first week in November for the production. Tickets can be purchased at McAuley or at the door on performance nights when the box office opens one hour prior to performance times. For additional information call Mrs. Haynes at 773-881-6512.

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THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS RELEASES FESTIVAL DATES FOR THE YEAR 2000

The Mayor's Office of Special Events releases the dates for the City of Chicago's free-admission events and summer festivals for the year 2000, announced Mayor Richard M. Daley.

The dates for the City's free events and music festivals are as follows:

Skate on State Ice Skating Rink
7th Annual WinterBreak Chicago Festival
2000 Chicago Neighborhood Summer Festivals
Chicago Bike Month
2nd Annual Mayor Daley's Kids & Kites Fest
2nd Annual Great Chicago Places & Spaces
16th Annual Chicago Gospel Festival
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8th Annual Race to the Taste
7th Annual Mayor's Cup Youth Soccer Fest
43rd Annual Venetian Night
42nd Annual Chicago Air & Water Show
12th Annual "Viva! Chicago" Latin Music Festival
22th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival
4th Annual Celtic Fest Chicago
Annual World Music Fest Chicago 2000

Nov. 26, 1999 - Feb. 27, 2000
January 1 - March 31
May - September 2000
May 18 - June 18
May 6
May 20 - 21
June 2 - 4
June 8 - 11
June 30 - July 9
July 1 - 2
July 2
July 22 - 23
July 29
August 19 - 20
August 26 - 27
August 31 - September 3
September 16 - 17
September 18 - 28

(PLEASE NOTE: festival dates are subject to change)

For more information on the upcoming festivals, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Events at (312) 744-3315. The TTY number for persons with impaired hearing is (312) 744-2964. For hotel reservation information specifically for the City of Chicago's free-admission events and summer festivals can call the Special Events Hotel Reservations hotline at 1(888) FUN-EVENT.

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Santa Claus comes to Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Special Events Commission invites Oak Lawn residents to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Village Green on Saturday, November 27th. Santa Claus will have a small procession to the gazebo where he and Mrs. Claus will pose

Johnson Phelps VFW honors student in scholarship contest

Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn recently announced it's annual Voice of Democracy Scholarship winner. The winner is Estera Barbarasa, 17, of Harold Richards High School.

Miss Barbarasa will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings bond and a certificate of recognition from VFW Post 5220. She will advance to the regional phase of the V.O.D. contest with a chance to ultimately win the \$20,000 first place scholarship.

"The Post takes pride in providing the opportunity for students to pursue a truly higher education," said 5220 Commander Richard Luemen. "VFW feels strongly that young people who formulate a solid understanding of democracy can become effective leaders."

Voice of Democracy is VFW's premier youth activity program. It is an audio essay competition for high school students that began in 1946. VFW awards some \$2.6 million annually including a \$20,000 first place scholarship.

for pictures and give candy canes to the children.

There will be face painters, a magician and Christmas Caroling. Hot chocolate will be served. Festivities begin at 3 p.m. MagicRiz will perform two shows at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. The Oak Lawn Unit of the American Cancer Society has invited St. Gerald's Children's Choir to sing followed by the lighting of "Love Lights a Tree."



Consumers can search the Y2Kbase.com database on the Web (<http://www.y2kbase.com>) to determine how the Y2K bug may impact their daily lives.

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32 oz. evaporated skim milk or 16 oz. nonfat dry powdered milk*
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12 oz. fat-free pasta sauce

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12-oz. angel hair pasta
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6-oz. fat-free shredded cheddar cheese
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8-oz. package Romaine lettuce
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Vegetarian Chili Magic in Bread Bowls

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- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup red or green chopped bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cans (15.5 oz. each) Bush's® Texas Recipe Chili Magic® Chili Starter can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes with roasted garlic
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 4 small round loaves (about 8 oz. each) Italian or sourdough bread
- shredded Cheddar cheese and green onions

In a large saucepan, saute zucchini, onion and red pepper in oil until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in beans, tomatoes, corn and brown sugar. Cover and simmer 8 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, trim about 1 inch off top of each bread loaf. Scoop out bread leaving a 1/2 inch thick shell.

To serve: Place about 1 1/4 cups chili into each bread bowl. Sprinkle with cheese and green onions. Serve with bread top on side.



Feeding circus animals is something to 'roar' about'

By Anita Anderson

More than one ton of fresh meat weekly keeps some of the more than 280 of nature's most beautiful animals happy as they travel and live with Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus.

In charge of purchasing the special food these animals require is David Baertschiger, who was a former chef.

He's been the purchasing coordinator for the past two years and is responsible for getting the food to the circus on time before jungle appetite's go wild.

"I spend a lot of time running to stores. The biggest problem we have was when a trucker broke down on the road as he was trying to deliver our food. He also said he was lost. What he was delivering was tiger food and we were down to almost nothing from the 6,000 pounds of tiger food that lasts six weeks," David said, "It's a special feline blend."

"These are obstacles beyond my control," the former chef added. He said he used to work as a chef in LA and Beverly Hills and served up gourmet food to some very famous people. David explained he visited the circus and her friend who was a dancer in the show. Circus

life, the travel music and the adventure proved to be a drawing card David couldn't resist and before he knew it he ran away with the circus.

"I love the horses and all of the backstage antics that go on to break the stress before each show. Circus people are like one big family," David added.

The former chef said that each week he sees to it that 13 tons of hay arrive, 50 pound bags each of sweet feed, rolled oats, wheat bran and alfalfa, 45 pounds of meat, 1,900 pounds of carrots, 1,200 pounds of apples, 110 pounds of dog food and 100 loaves of bread just to name some of the food supplies David orders. One of the performers, Mary the elephant is 8,700 pounds and

doesn't miss a meal.

This Thanksgiving however, the former chef said that besides seeking to it the animals are fed he plans to prepare pies for the entire crew who will eat on the circus train.

"I like to make pumpkin and apples pies from scratch. I'll need pies for about 300 of our cast," he said.

The circus train rolls into the United Center from Nov. 16 through Nov. 28. For more info on tickets call 312-59-1212.

Eleven of the world's 16 busiest airports were in the U.S., including O'Hare in Chicago, Hartsfield in Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles.



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Schneider and Shumacher continued, "Elton and Tim have written a beautiful and exciting score for the theatre. And with our creative team of Bob Falls, Bob Crowley, Wayne Cilento, Natasha Katz, Paul Bogaev and Linda Woolverton and stars Heather Headley, Adam Pascal, and Sherie Scott, we believe we have found a unique way to make this classic love story a timeless one as well."

Already the songs from "AIDA" are having an impact on audiences around the world. An all-star concept album featuring Janet Jackson, Shania Twain, Sting, Tina Turner, Boys II Men, Lulu, The Spice Girls, James Taylor, Lenny Kravitz joining Elton John singing songs from the new musical was released on March 23 on Rocket/Island Records.

The CD's first single, "Written in the Stars" featuring Elton John and LeAnn Rimes was released in late February and continues to climb the charts.

The remainder of the creative team features sound design by Steve Kennedy

("The Who's Tommy," "Carousel," and "How to Succeed..."), orchestrations by Steve Margoshes, Guy Babylon and Paul Bogaev; and musical arrangements by Guy Babylon and Paul Bogaev. Steve Margoshes' orchestration credits include "The Who's Tommy," "Smokey Joe's Cafe" and he is also the composer of the international hit musical "Fame". Guy Babylon has been a member of the Elton John band as a multi-keyboardist since 1988. He has been working with Elton ever since, both on stage and in the studio, providing keyboard playing, arrangements, and orchestrations.

Single tickets are now on sale for the Chicago engagement of "AIDA" through Ticketmaster only at (312) 902-1500, at all Ticketmaster outlets or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for preview performances (any performance prior to Thursday, December 9) range from \$30.50 - \$73.00; tickets for regular performances range in price from \$32.50 - \$75.00. Group tickets are currently available by calling (312) 855-9400.

D.C.C.A. sponsors American Main Street

Illinois Main Street, a preservation-based economic development program in the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) will sponsor the 5th Annual Great American Main Street Showcase November 4-5 in Collinsville, Illinois. The conference, which is open to all communities throughout the state, will bring together the five national winners of the 1999 Great American Main Street Awards.

"The Showcase is the only event of its type to bring these five national award-winning communities together to share their success stories," said Lieutenant Governor Corrine Wood, who oversees the Main Street program. "Participants will learn first-hand how these towns have tackled overwhelming obstacles and returned failing business districts to viable centers of the community using the Main Street approach."

The 1999 Great American Main Street award-winning communities range in population from 2,903 to 72,000.

From 1993-1998, public and private investment totaled \$4.6 million, sales tax revenues increased an average of \$62,000 annually, with 55 new and expanded businesses and a net increase of 84 new jobs.

Bay City, Michigan, population 35,000. At the turn-of-the-century, Bay City rivaled Chicago in population, growth, and wealth. But by the mid-1980's, the downtown had become a desolate area. Over the past two years, private investment in downtown has exceeded \$15 million, with more than 20 new retail businesses, 15 new offices, and 3,700 employees in 250 businesses.

San Luis Obispo, California, population 42,000. This community saw its share of urban sprawl with mall built near the downtown in the 1950's and 1970's. To combat competition, city leaders developed downtown design guidelines. In 1983, the Main Street program established a farmers market on Thursday evenings, which enjoys a weekly attendance of 15,000.

Lafayette, Indiana, population 46,000. As the Tippecanoe County seat, Lafayette has done much to keep its downtown attractive. In recent years, the downtown has seen more than 90 building renovations, the local government investing more than \$36 million and the private sector \$20.8 million. Vacancy has dropped from 21 percent in 1989 to 9 per cent today.

Denton, Texas, population 72,000. As the county seat, Denton once had a bustling public square. In 1986, Denton mounted a public campaign to restore the courthouse, which has been the catalyst for current revitalization efforts. Since 1989, private downtown investment has exceeded \$18 million, with a net gain of 138 businesses and 600 new jobs.

"Communities throughout the nation are struggling to revitalize their downtown business districts-just like our towns here in Illinois," said Pam McDonough, director of DCCA. "Showcase participants will be able to

take back proven strategies and techniques from these communities that have received national recognition for bringing their downtowns back to life."

The Showcase is sponsored by Illinois Main Street and hosted by Collinsville's Main Street program, downtown Collinsville. To receive a brochure or register for the event, call Illinois Main Street at 217-782-7514.

The Illinois Main Street program in the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs was started in 1993 in the Lieutenant Governor's Office to assist communities with downtown revitalization. The program was transferred to DCCA July 1, 1999.

The program, which is modeled after the National Trust Main Street Center's Four-Point Approach, provides technical services and training to small, rural towns, mid-sized communities, large cities and suburban communities. Design services are in cooperation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

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This summer Bridgeview had implemented what they called B.A.D.G.E. (balanced approach to drug and gang elimination) which was a program designed to eliminate gang activity before it had a chance to take hold. The program inserted specially trained youth officers, Thomas Sparrow, David Sroka and Tim Prince into parks, fast food places and other areas where kids gather.

Lt. Dubik explained the program to the press, and described how the department planned to become involved in Bridgeview, Stagg, Reavis, Argo and Oak Lawn High Schools, and with neighboring police departments. He wanted to know where to expect problems

before they could happen. The village also planned dances and other activities for high school kids.

An Irish cow, Big Bertha, lived to the record age of 48 before her death in 1993. In addition, she gave birth to a record 39 calves.



Holding the plaque awarded to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District: (Pictured from the left) President O'Brien and Commissioners Martin Sandoval and James "Jim" Harris.

Met. Water Reclamation District receives award

Commissioner and President, Terrence J. O'Brien, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has issued a statement of thanks to the editors of the Engineering News Record, and the Construction Weekly, for honoring the District by being named one of the top 125 engineering projects of the past 125 years. He stated, "I am very grateful to receive this honor, not only for the District, but also

for the many employees who contributed so much to make our District what it is today." President O'Brien added, "The District has been selected for two outstanding projects. The first, completed in 1900, was the construction of the Chicago Sanitary & ship Canal to reverse the flow of the Chicago River and protect the city's water source, Lake Michigan, from pollution. The second was the 1985 District's Tunnel and

Reservoir Plan, known as the Deep Tunnel. Since 1985, when the first portion of the tunnel was completed, 85% of the discharge and pollutants that had previously overflowed into rivers, streams and basements, have been eliminated."

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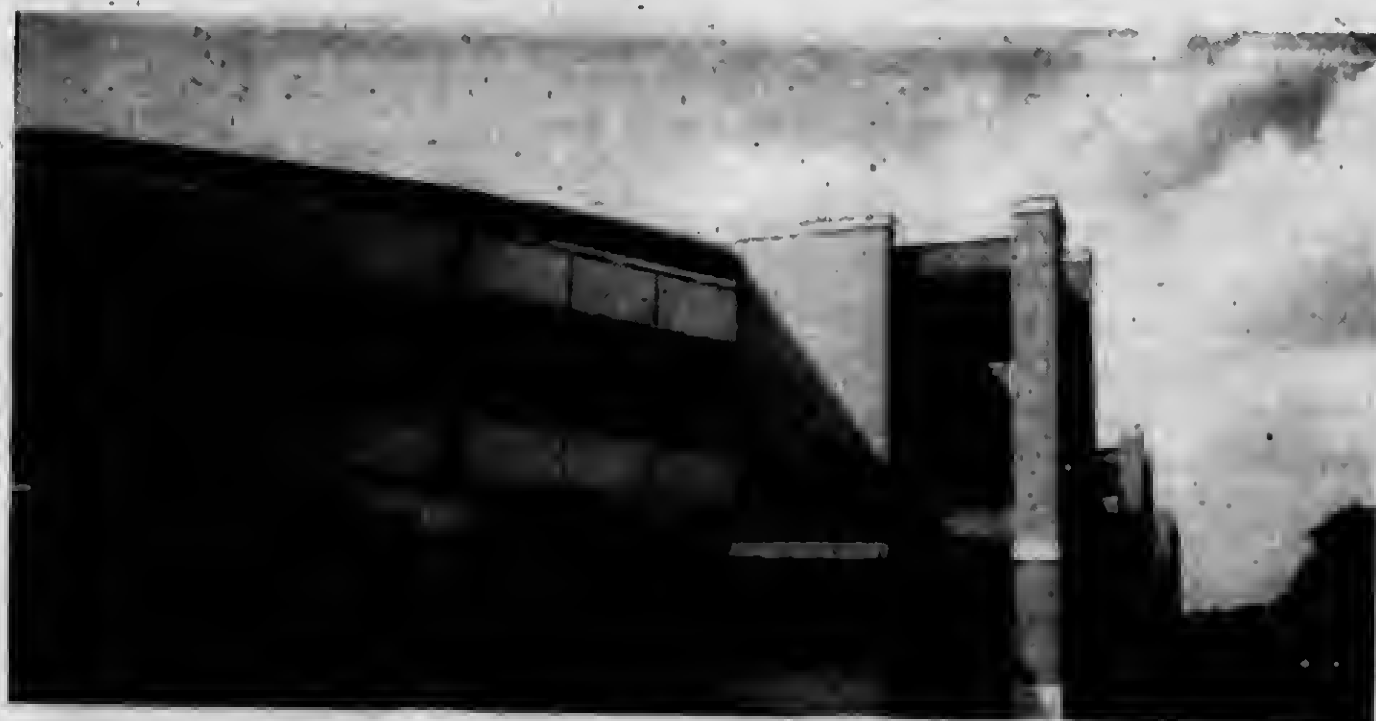
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St Xavier University opened their convocation and athletic center

SOCIAL SECURITY READY FOR NEW MILLENNIUM

By: Rosalie Thompson

Social Security Field Office Manager

Because so many people depend on Social Security, we feel a special responsibility to be ready for the new millennium and the Y2K computer problem. Our benefit payments systems are Y2K ready and have been for a full year ahead of the new millennium. We will be able to do all of our tasks on January 1, 2000, which include paying monthly benefits to 50

million people, tracking the earnings of 145 million workers, and processing 6 million new benefit applications next year.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has no reason to expect a disruption to the delivery of benefit payments in January 2000. However, we have developed contingency plans to handle any unexpected or unforeseen disruption that may be beyond our control.

Social Security's payment delivery schedule with appropriate contingency plans are as

Since January 1, 2000, is a holiday, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments will be delivered

December 30, 1999. Therefore, there should not be any Y2K

problems with the January SSI payments.

Social Security payments for January will be made on Monday, January 3, 2000. The post office will receive checks a day earlier than normally scheduled to ensure timely delivery on January 3. In the case of direct deposit, SSA expects benefit payment delivery to financial institutions to be conducted in a "business as usual" manner. However, if problems occur with direct deposit payments, SSA will work with the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve to resolve problems at a troubled financial institution and make payments available.

SSA offices will provide emergency payments to beneficiaries in cases of dire need as called for by existing procedures. So, if you are a Social Security beneficiary, be assured that you will receive your payment on time. You can just relax and enjoy the new millennium.

Experts put the number of pages currently on the World Wide Web at around 50 million.

by Annette Dixon

The new building is an asset to 103rd St. and the alumni and students of St. Xavier. The facility has a main area which will house the convocations, concert and other special events.

Other parts of the building include an indoor running track, racquetball courts and

IL. Senate Republicans call for compassion in custody cases

Determined to prevent any further hurt and personal tragedy to Illinois families, Senate Republicans this week called on utility companies and other creditors to not punish custodial parents whose support checks have been delayed due to a state bureaucratic snafu, said State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange). The resolution was introduced recently as the Senate met in Springfield for the beginning of the fall veto session.

Radogno said Resolution 202 sponsored by the 32 Senate Republican members asks creditors to show compassion to custodial parents whose child support checks have been delayed.

Republicans are asking electric companies, natural gas companies, landlords, mortgage holders and others to recognize that late pay-

aerobic/dance room, training rooms, health and fitness center, and much more.

This center is more than for just sports, and what a center it is. For those who have attended classes at St. Xavier certainly are proud to be able to have an athletic center at last. It is long awaiting and under the leadership of Dr. Richard Yanikoski, SXU president, this is a 'dream come true'.

This center will also support the university's football, soccer, cross country and volleyball teams as well as hosting sport camps for youth.

"We visited many colleges and universities to look at their athletic center and tried to put together the best of all of them", said Steven Murphy, vice president of student services.

It truly was a great day for the University when the dedication of this building finally took place.

The youngest president was Theodore Roosevelt, who was 42 when sworn in after William McKinley's death in 1901.



St. Thomas More parish hosts the statue

by Annette Dixon

The Millennium Statue of Mary is now at St. Thomas More Church on 8100 S. California in Chicago.

Recently the St. Thomas More Choir under the direction of Mr. Andrew Perz presented music and song of a sacred concert in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There also was solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The sung Ave Marias and the instrumentals were the following: Ave Maria (Gregorian Chant, Mode I), Ave Maria (Tomas Luis De Victoria, ca. 1549-1611) Ave Maria (Anton Bruckner, 1824-1896), Ave Maria (Cesar Franck, 1822-1890), Ave Maria (Edvard Grieg, 1843-1907), Ave Maria (Melchiorre Mauro-Cottone, d. 1938), Ave Maria (Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, Charles Gounod, 1818-1893), Alma Redemptoris Mater (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594), Ave Maria (Jacob Arcadelt, ca. 1505-ca. 1568), Ave Maria (Franz Schubert, 1797-1828), Ave Maria (Franz Biebl, b. 1906)

Blocks of parked cars where already parked at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 14 at St. Thomas More Church for visitation of the Millennium Statue, but the real procession took place at

In 1994, Charles Walker played 306 simultaneous games of checkers at Dollywood in Tennessee—winning 300, losing one and drawing five.

the 5th decade of the rosary when the priest and 5 altar boys along with the ushers carrying a statue of Mary.

The church was crowded not a seat in the house was empty. I do not know the seating capacity, and I may not be wrong to say 1,000 plus.

Many came to hear the music other came to pray but whatever the reason, the attendees were from everywhere other than the parish. I am sure that many came to hear the Latin solemn benediction of long ago along with the visitation of the Millennium Statue and the frosting was the musical attribution to Mary. This concert was a better then listening to 98.7 FM. radio or public access TV. once a year.

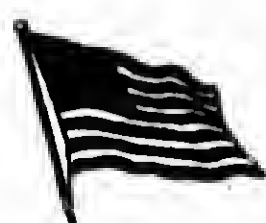


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A man's dream is not always a reality

By: F.J. Soczek

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Murray called it "Forum Shopping." And he wasn't going to tolerate it in his court room.

Judge Lynn Egan expressed equal disdain for the attempt by Village of Worth attorneys to obtain, in her court, permission to demolish the home of Robert Stewart on 110th St.—a case that had lingered under various guises for

over nine years in the court of fellow judge James Stack.

When it was discovered that Judge Stack was on vacation, counsel for the Village implored the clerk, "We'll take any judge..."

Village attorney Burton Odelson desperately argued before Judge Murray, "But this is a different case." A stern Murray soundly rebuked the disparate plea. "It's the same case....You

know it and I know it..."

The legal odyssey for Stewart continued in the County Clerk's office.

"That will be \$104, please," responded the clerk when Mr. Stewart requested the forms required to plead his own case.

Judge Egan had denied his request for a public defender following his claim of indigence. "You have no right to a court appointed lawyer. This is not a

criminal case."

Stewart's request for a jury trial was similarly denied by Egan, who stated "equitable relief is not properly decided by jury."

Stewart brought to court a library book on Constitutional Law. Unlike most legal vernacular, the language appeared clear and unequivocal.

The text book, published in 1994, stated individuals in jeopardy of losing property exceeding \$20 were entitled to a trial by jury.

Stewart's arguments

appeared to be in vain. A "new" engineering report commissioned by the Village implied the structure was inherently dangerous to the community and might fall at any given moment.

But Stewart insisted previous reports conducted by the municipality indicated no such prognosis.

In the rear of the courtroom, a coterie of "neighbors" snickered in gleeful, self-righteous indignation. "Serves him right." "If he can't afford a lawyer, how's he gonna finish the house." "He's

nuts."

Unable to pay \$104 for the privilege of defending himself, a physically exhausted, but by no means defeated, gentleman laboriously exited the halls of justice, and returned home to the realm of his dreams. Located in a town known as The Friendly Village. Indeed.



Highlights from the Worth meeting

by Jude Coyle

According to a press release provided by police Chief Frank Gilbert, the Worth Police arrested six individuals, ages 17 and 18, and three juveniles from Alsip after a fight. According to the press release, a teenager attempted to drag another from his home on the 11400 block of Neenah on Halloween. The incident was in retaliation to a comment the teenager from Worth made at school earlier in the week about one of the girls involved. The Cook County State's Attorney has reviewed the incident and approved charges of home invasion, felony mob action and mob action against Michael Whelehan, Gregory S. Stanko, Jason A. Kordoski, Melanie A. Reese, Anthony S. Melander and Heather N. Meberg and three juveniles.

Acting Fire Chief Don Stefaniak was approved to fill the position of Fire Chief from November 2nd 1999 to April 30, 2000.

Mayor Bilder announced buildings located at 11005 Lloyd Drive and 10911 Lloyd Drive. The owners of both buildings had been cited for building code violations in the past, and had

been given time to correct the violations. As late as September, when the buildings were condemned, the building owners had agreed to hire licensed, bonded contractors to complete repairs. By the November 2nd board meeting, no work had been completed and neither had anyone applied for building permits.

According to Mayor Bilder, the building at 109th and Lloyd is half occupied, and the building at 110th, is less than a third occupied. At any given time, Mayor Bilder estimated that there are between 100 and 110 apartments throughout the village available. If necessary, he is sure agencies can be contacted to help the remaining occupants. A hearing is scheduled for December 3rd.

Trustees Guzdziol raised questions concerning current building codes and emergencies. According to Mayor Bilder, if it becomes necessary to replace a water heater, etc., over a weekend, he is available on Saturdays to grant temporary waivers.

Also trustee Georgia Duffy and building superintendent Joe Johnson are reviewing the current codes, and that consideration should be given in emergencies.

Trustee Duffy reminded the

board that codes are in place because of the necessity that work has been completed right, especially when electrical or gas lines are involved.

Recently officer Joe Parisi was injured in an auto accident. He is recovering and will return to work soon. His squad was knocked out of commission. At the last meeting, Police Chief Gilbert had asked permission to sell a blue Crown Victoria but has since decided to keep it. The Crown Victoria will be used in place of the damaged squad until repairs are completed.

Ordinance #99-22 was introduced and approved. This expands the duties of a "hearing officer", which is a municipal employee, officer, or agent of the village. He/she adjudicates Municipal code violations. Currently his responsibilities allows him to prosecute parking and certain vehicle violations. Under the new ordinance, the hearing officer will be able to prosecute violations of building, nuisance and other kinds of violations of the municipal code.

The hearing officer hears testimony, views evidence and decides cases. He can levy a maximum penalty of \$750 per occurrence, or

or \$2500 for several violations, and/or reasonable public work. All fines will be turned over to the village of Worth.

Also, tickets for the senior Christmas party are available in the Clerk's office.

O'Malley opens new office in Palos Park

After a fire severely damaged his first district office in Alsip, State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) will be opening a new district office in Palos Park.

"Last year, the building that housed my office suffered major damage from a fire and since that time, I have been working in temporary office facilities. We are currently in the process of remodeling a new location in Palos Park and expect to be moving into that office later this month," O'Malley said.

The new address is 12314 S. 86th Ave., Palos Park, IL, 60464. The new phone number is 708-923-1818 and is currently in operation. Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.



Pikachu the Pokemon visits the Coffee Lounge

Pikachu the Pokemon entertains children at the Coffee Lounge in Palos Heights during their Halloween celebration October 30th. Chelsea Traynor (wearing Ash Ketchum costume) was one of the winners in the coloring contest held later that evening.

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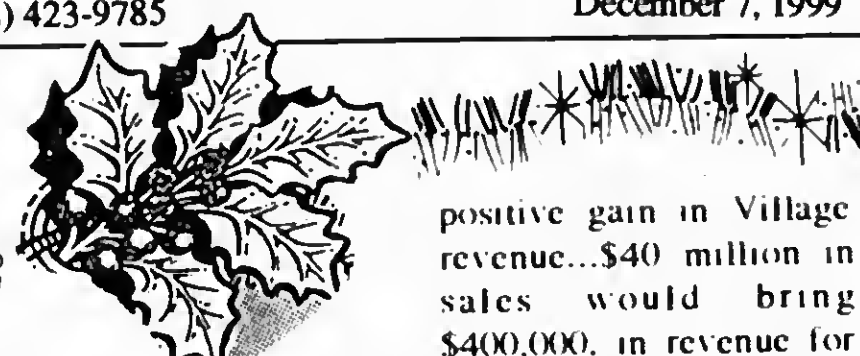
The 1999 Annual Holiday Food & Gift Drive for the Burbank Chamber of Commerce has begun. Chamber office is accepting donations, both food & monetary until Monday, December 13th in order to have all donations sorted and labeled for delivery on Thursday, December 16th. If you would like to sponsor a family, a child or just drop off a donation, large or small, it would truly be appreciated. Each year, the Burbank Chamber delivers a turkey, boxes of food, fresh fruit &

bread, along with gifts for all the children, wrapped & tagged with their name. It brings everything in prospective as the holiday rush sometimes consumes us ... focusing on what the holidays truly should be mean to each of us. We hope you will want to join us to make this holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you! For more information, please contact Judy Balestri at 708/425-4668. Have a blessed Holiday Season! **Burbank Chamber's Annual**

Christmas Luncheon

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon on Wednesday, December 8th at our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Annie Tiques Banquets at 12 Noon Sharp. The "Peace Chamber Singers" from Queen of Peace High School will entertain our guests, plus a special raffle and a few other surprises planned. Reservations a MUST by deadline date of Wednesday, December 1st. Early reservations are appreciated ... all are welcome! For more info, please call Judy Balestri at the Burbank Chamber 708/4254668.

Festival of Lights



Board opposes Carmax appeal

Oak Lawn Board of Trustees, Nov. 23, 1999

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees denied a zoning petition by Carmax to build an auto dealership at 6550 West 95th St. The request for an appeal following a 6-3 rejection by the Planning and Development commission received favorable votes from Trustees Keane, Stancik and Streit. Trustees Joy, Hurekes and Rosenbaum voted to deny the variance requested by Carmax.

Trustee Wm. Keane stated that since his election in 1993, he felt he was the "most pro-business trustee on the Board." Citing his support of Village sponsored "car shows" held for three years, Keane gave the following reasons for his support of the proposed Carmax facility:

"The Village needs the revenue;" the recent loss of the Max Madsden Mitsubishi dealership resulted in a \$200,000 "hole in the budget." Unlike many previous dealerships who sought business licenses, Carmax did not request any special tax incentives.

Money projected to be lost by existing dealers due to the Carmax business would be similarly lost if Carmax moved to "Hickory Hills."

Competing Oak Lawn car dealerships would still lose the business, and the Village of Oak Lawn would not benefit from the sales tax revenue.

Keane further noted the variance requested (increased indoor sales space to outdoor sales space ratio) was "similar" to the conditions that already exist at many local car dealerships. Keane stated he discussed the matter with legal counsel, who opined the rejection would not withstand a legal challenge if pursued by Carmax. The legal fees to defend the Village against such a lawsuit would be costly.

If the Village failed to prevail in a legal zoning challenge, Keane theorized "95th St. will become like Western Ave... anyone with a month's rent could open a used car lot."

Keane concluded "We must be proactive; we must seek business. We need to do what is best for the Village."

Trustee Ronald Stancik explained his "180 degree" reversal in favor of the Carmax petition: "It is our duty to identify new sources of revenue; if we can't generate sales tax, we will have to raise property taxes." Stancik stated the proposed redevelopment "is exactly what we are trying to do," referring to the Village's comprehensive, long range development plans.

Trustee Robt. Streit agreed with his long standing "adversary" in Village politics, Wm. Keane. "No one would deny Carmax would provide a

positive gain in Village revenue... \$40 million in sales would bring \$400,000 in revenue for the Village. Streit explained "there was no increase in property taxes from the Board this year... 40% of all Village operating expenses are generated by car sales."

Opposing the Carmax appeal, Trustee Jerry Hurekes failed to elaborate on the reasons for his decision, other than stating, "I'm not happy with the current situation at the present location. I'm concerned with the precedent we would be setting."

Trustee Marjorie Joy opposed Carmax, stating "The area is too dense and will result in congestion. Joy also questioned the potential legal challenge brought up by Wm. Keane. "Why do we have ordinances if they are illegal? We have counsel; if they (ordinances) are illegal, why aren't we so advised?"

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum opposed Carmax, citing concerns about a "disappointing" similar dealership in Tinley Park. "I'm not interested in a big box vacant down the line." Desiring "greater diversity," Rosenbaum concluded that while car dealerships make up 40% of business revenue now, "ratcheting up to 50-60% will be problematic."

The Board approved the issuance of Corporate bonds in the amount of \$2,695,000 to cover cost over runs incurred by the Oakdale Detention Basin Project. The funds will also be used for 103rd St. reconstruction and parking lot acquisition.

A liquor license was granted to Pravinchandra Patel of Extra Value Liquors, 9030 S. Cicero Ave.



Veterans Monument Dedicated in Burbank

Oak Lawn Post Office employees at Southwest Hwy. and Cicero for their 17th Christmas have a canister in order to help three or four needy families.

Please be generous so more families can be helped.

State Sen./Supervisor Louis Viverito addresses throng at ceremonies dedicating new Veterans Memorial Monument in Burbank on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Entitled "War is Hell," monument is dedicated to the men and women in all branches of the Armed Forces in the past, present and future. It is sculpted of steel, in the shape of a globe with bands representing the world and lightning bolts shooting upwards to illustrate how war splits nations, people and families. It is located on a Stickney Township plot at 85th St. and State Rd.

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Highlights from Bridgeview board meeting

by Jude Coyle

Mayor Steve Landek called the December 1, meeting of the Bridgeview Village board to order. Trustees Wayne Grabinski, Jeffrey Guidish, Norma Pinion, Michael Pticek and Mary Sutton attended. Also present were Clerk Claudette Struzik, Treasurer John Orosz and attorney Vincent Cankar.

The board passed resolution #99-R-19, authorizing the repayment of \$986,597 to the water fund from the general corporate fund. Also passed was ord. #99-54, approving the subdivisions of the property located at 10278 S. Harlem into three lots. Ord. #99-55 located at 8080 W. 80th St. has changed from an industrial zoning of 1-2, to a R-4 multifamily residence district.

The following business licenses were approved:

Certified Auto Sales, Inc. Used Cars 9159 S. Harlem.
Flower House (Wedding assessors) 7300 S. Harlem
W. J. Tighe Trucking Co.,

Inc. (Transportation) 8801 S. 78th Ave.

A-2-Z Auto & Truck Accessories, Inc. (Sales and installation, 7314 W 90th St.

Repusto Auto Sales (Retail), 9010 S. Beloit, Unit G
Trustee Grabinski, in place of Community Affairs Committee chair trustee Kaput, announced the resignation of Firefighter Paramedic Thomas Howard. He also asked the board to approve the next candidate, a certified paramedic, in line for hire.

Trustee Pticek stated that he didn't expect to pay back those sale taxes for at least three years, and that the financial problems from the previous administration is taking less time to straighten out then previously expected.

BRIDGEVIEW RECEIVES BOOST FROM BOND REFINANCING.

A cardboard check was presented to Michael Pticek, Chairman of the Finance

Committee. The check was a replica of the one drawn on Marquette National Bank, made out to the village of Bridgeview. It totaled \$2,589,282.61. This represented the escrow balance on bonds purchased by the previous administration to finance the development of the 103rd Street/Harlem Avenue TIF District. They were recently refinanced at a lower interest rate.

Escrow accounts are not transferrable between banks, so the money reverts back to the village. Mayor Landek stated that the money would be used to pay back debts incurred because of sales tax that had been held back to finance the TIF District. The distribution is as follows:

Village of Bridgeview	\$1,841,802.66
School District #117	372,417.49
High School District	269,198.44
Hickory Hills Park District	36,385.58
Moraine Valley Community College Dist. 524	30,663.33
Green Hills Public Library District	19,540.16
Bridgeview Public Library	19,264.95

The village will also use \$986,597 to repay money borrowed from the water fund, to help supplement a the general corporate fund. Unanticipated drains on the general corporate fund, and the reassessment of property taxes, which caused tax bills to be sent out two months later than usual, made it necessary to borrow. On the other hand, the water fund has a emergency fund already built into it in case of water main ruptures, etc. Trustee Pticek explained how the village had incurred large legal bills in a successful effort to close a local strip club. This was not something the village could have foreseen and budgeted for.

Trustee Pticek pointed out that seeking to refinance now, while the interests are lower is sound fiscal management. He rejoiced in the refinancing, stating that he didn't expect to pay back those sales taxes for at least three years, and that the financial problems are taking less time to straighten out than previously expected.

Treasurer, John Orosz, a certified broker by profession, has been given the authority of the board a few

weeks ago to actively negotiate with banks and lending institutions. Rather than accept standard interest rates, Mr. Orosz explained how he will ask, 'can you do better,' and will. On the refinanced bonds, he was able to secure 5 to 6% interest as compared to 9%. When a village or government agency has budgeted for future expenses, the money is invested in short term bonds or interest bearing saving accounts. Mr. Orosz has been able to invest money in a money market checking account, at a better interest rate than he would have receive in the usual treasury bills or C.D.'s with the amount of money the village has to invest, this will mean a considerable savings.

Mr. Orosz also explained his policy to seek financing and vendors within the village itself. If savings mean a dollar or two by going outside, he'd rather forego that savings, and place the money back into Bridgeview. If the village feels strongly enough to invest in their local institutions, it is the hope of village officials that the same institutions will invest in the citizens by providing home loans, etc., to residents. Of course, if seeking vendors outside Bridgeview means a substantial savings, he will do what is best for Bridgeview.

Santa Claus visits Worth Township

Supervisor Jack Murphy invites children to visit with Santa Claus at 'Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip beginning December 6 through December 10 and the week of December 13 through December 17. Times are 3:30 - 5:30 and 6:30 - 8:30. Santa will have a small gift for each child. Please bring a camera and get your child's picture taken with Santa Claus.



Laurence leaders meet civic leaders

Three St. Laurence High School Student Council Representative had an opportunity to meet three of the area's prominent civic leaders following the dedications ceremony for the new veteran's memorial in Burbank. Laurence leaders included (Back row, l-r) George Stavropolous (Chicago, Scottsdale), Dave Haim (Chicago, Garfield Ridge) and Vince Martinez (Chicago Garfield Ridge). Local civic leaders present

for the ceremony were (l-r) Louis Viverito, State Senator; Michael Zalewski, Alderman of the 23rd Ward in Chicago; and Representative William O. Lipinski, U.S. Congressman. The ceremony took place on Veterans Day. Coincidentally, it was Lipinski who wrote a letter of recommendation for Vince's brother, Joe, who now attends the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM UNCHANGED FOR 2000

By: Rosalie Thompson
Social Security Field Office
Manager

The Department of Health and Human Services announced that the Part B premium

paid by Medicare beneficiaries next year will remain unchanged for the second time in three years.

The Part B premium will stay at the 1999 rate of \$45.50. The Part B premium covers physician services, hospital outpatient care, durable medical equipment and other services outside hospitals. This is welcome news for the millions of older Americans who rely on Medicare. In other Medicare year-end changes, the Medicare Part A deductible for inpatient hospital care is rising by \$8, about one percent, to \$776. The Part A deductible is a beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of inpatient care. The cost to beneficiaries for hospital stays longer than 60 days is rising by \$2 to \$174, and by \$4 to \$388 per day for stays longer than 90 days. The skilled nursing facility deductible, which must be paid after the first 20 days of such care, is rising by \$1 to \$97 per day.

Q. I'm a 47-year-old widow and receive monthly Social Security checks because I have 2 pre-school children in my care. I need to increase the family

income. If I were to go to work, would the children and I stop receiving Social Security?

A. Your children will not lose their benefits if you go back to work. However, your benefits are subject to the annual earnings limit, so your mother's benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 you earn over \$9,600 in 1999 or over \$10,080 in 2000.

Q. When I applied for Social Security benefits on my ex-husband's Social Security record, the representative said I wasn't eligible because I had to be 62 years old. My ex-husband passed away last month, and a friend told me that I only have to be age 60 to get benefits on his record since he is deceased. Is this true?

A. Yes. Benefits can be paid to a surviving divorced spouse who is age 60 or older (or age 50 to 60 and disabled) if they meet the other eligibility requirements. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to apply for benefits or if you have additional questions.

Fibromyalgia support group meets at Oak Lawn Library

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet promptly at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999 at the Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL. Come and share with us your feel-

Oak Lawn Park District cancels New Years Eve party

The Oak Lawn Parks District's New Year's Eve party scheduled for Friday, Dec. 31, at the Community Pavilion, has been canceled due to a low number of registrants.

The decision to cancel the event was made Dec. 1 after a final check on registration figures.

Those have had already purchased tickets will be notified and will receive a full refund as well as free ice-skating passes for the New Year's holiday, says Maddie Kelly, park-district director.

"Millie" the dance craze, lessons will still be offered by the park on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Oakview Center during the month of Dec.



Vets visit grave site of post's founder and first commander

On November 11th, a small delegate of Western Front VFW Post No. 177, located at 63rd and Lawndale, Chicago, IL visited the grave site of former U.S. Army Lt. Joseph L. Lucas the Post's founder and first Post Commander. The Post was founded 77 years ago.

The delegation consisted of (left to right) Post Chaplain Larry Fitzmaurice; Ladies Auxiliary member Martha

Fitzmaurice; Post Historian, Gerald Mulvey, Post Vice Commander John Swan; Post commander Norm Kirst; Service Officer Joe Okroi and Quartermaster John Masakaitis; and Past commander Stan Nasakaitis. A wreath was laid on the grave; the chaplain said a prayer and the historian gave a eulogy.

The founder's grave site was located by the Post's History, Gerald Mulvey, a

ter a long search at Calvary cemetery in Evanston, IL.

Lt. Lucas served as an Army engineer, on the French Railway system during WWI. He founded the VFW Post in November 1922. The ceremony to honor the memory of the Post's founder is an annual affair. All participants said that they were spiritually moved by the ceremony and felt better because of it.

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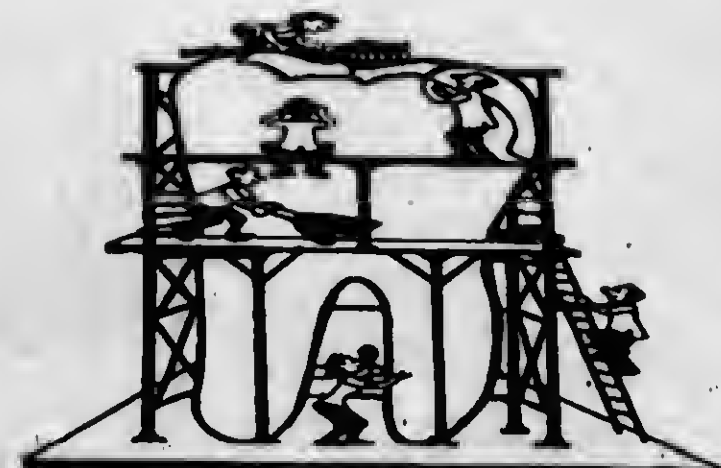
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For December 1999... **Psychic Predictions are for all Signs.** I use NumAstrology [I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight]! Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Holidays are coming and if you have not completed your shopping list, you may end up in frenzy with last minute concerns. Keep a keen eye because you might find something very valuable lying on the ground, or, you could have a winning ticket.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Finish what you start, don't even think about leaving loose ends flaying in the winds. You have to make a new budget, pay what bills you can, and enter into the New Year with confidence of making a brand new start for the year 2000 and onward.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Some of you may find that people are relying much too much on you. You might decide that this is what is causing you so much concern and stress. Well, you are right! Take a breather. Have some fun and back off from doing for others what they can do for themselves. You count too. Say so.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This is one of those ho-hum weeks, perhaps not exciting for most of you. The rest of you should welcome such a time. Within a week things speed up and you could be looking at a lot of work, and, much to do with people from out of town. G helps.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You could be looking at new work. This can be good, but have you given any thought to being self-employed? The idea can strike a note of confidence for the most of you. Take time also to relax and improve health habits too. C aids.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You may not know it, or are aware of it but don't want to do anything about it... but, there are things to do that can make you a lot of money. Pay attention to those hunches, dreams, and what you hear about money making ideas. J helps.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You can't do much wrong this week. It seems that things have come to a rather sudden stop, and ideas aren't flowing like they used to. Well, when someone offers to work on some new venture with you, take them up on it. Make time for Success and Diet!

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Think big. You know you can do most anything you set your mind on doing. You can get people to work well with you and your ideas for success. Now, make a plan, stick with it, and watch it grow into bigger things than you can imagine now.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Don't say "no" to yourself when you start getting visions or hunches that are prodding at you to make yourself seen, heard and respected. Other people seem to be waiting for you to make that "first move."

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

Library Meeting Rooms

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Use of the library's community meeting rooms is free of charge for Oak Lawn residents and Oak Lawn-based groups and organizations. Non-residents and entities not based in Oak Lawn must pay a non-refundable fee of \$50 per use. Payment is required for confirmation of the reservation. Fees are non-negotiable.

Those interested in using the library's meeting rooms must pick up, complete and return the standard application form in-person or by mail. Reservations will not be accepted via phone or fax. The entire Board Policy Statement governing meeting room use is attached to each application.

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Letter to the editor

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary of Worth, we would like to thank each and everyone who helped to make Thanksgiving for 55 families in need who reside in the village of Worth. The Worth Lions Club, who organized the Ton of Food drive and all their workers. The Marrs-Meyer American Legion and Auxiliary, who not only donated to the baskets but gave their time to help. Founders Bank, for supplying all of the turkeys, Palos American Legion who contributed money and helped with the deliveries. Worth and Chicago Ridge Business Association, along with the Worth Police Association, for their generous donations. Advanced Bank for their donation and plans to sell mittens for \$1.00 to be placed in the lobby on their Christmas tree with the proceeds to go to our Christmas fund. All of the volunteers who are too numerous to list, we give our heartfelt thanks. And to the Southwest Realtors Association who are busy helping Santa to make and wrap gifts.

Letter to the Editor

I'm an avid reader of the Village View Newspaper and have been since it started. The paper always promotes shop in Oak Lawn and other circulating neighborhoods which you distribute.

I have a heirloom candleabra hanging lamp that was willed to be by a friend because I always admired it when I by visiting him. But he did not include the bulbs.

I didn't know what size the bulb was so I brought the lamp with be to each store. Everyone who saw it thought it to be European.

Well Saturday morning I took it to a hardware store first and then a lighting shop and it was difficult carrying this lamp in an out of stores. One clerk on southwest hwy. said it was European and that did not carry the bulbs, but they would be able to rewire it.

I walked out of the store and continued to drive to Alsip, after shopping in Oak Lawn, and a young person asked if he could help me. He looked at the hanging lamp that I've been toting around all morning and asked how

We take such things for granted that our children should receive everything they ask for at Christmas. When the children made their wish list for the Southwest Realtor Association, we were amazed at their wishes. Some of the children asked for socks, boots, mittens and scarves. Their wishes were small but not greedy. The committee hopes to grant all of the wishes of warm clothing to each and every child along with a gift for each child.

This is truly a community project. Thank you once again.

Marrs-meyer American Legion Auxiliary
Patricia Kuhn, Community Service Chairperson
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Military News

Marine Pvt. Anthony R. Vlahos, son of John Vlahos of 5807 S. Narragansett ave., Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps recruit depot, San Diego.

Vlahos joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High school of Burbank, IL.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Issac J. Crawford, son of Sabrina Crawford of 4440 S. Cicero St., Chicago, recently participated in the Atlantic phase of UNITAS while on a five-month South American deployment aboard the destroyer USS O'Bannon, home ported in Mayport, Fla.

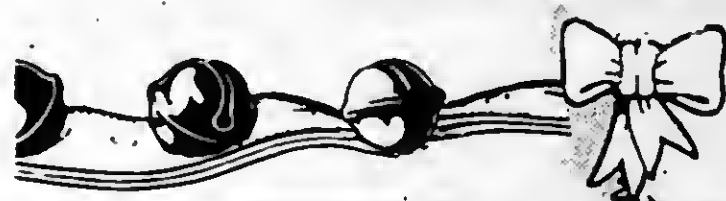
The 1997 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School joined the Navy in July 1997. many 60 watt torpedo bulbs I wanted. The cost of seventy four cents for each.

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I found out of all the places I visited in Oak Lawn and Burbank and Chicago Ridge, all but one carried the bulb. Richard Dixon

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Gas prices taking fall dip, says AAA-CMC

DES PLAINES, Ill., Nov. 17, 1999—After months of increasing or stabilizing prices, the cost for gasoline seems to be easing up slightly in time for winter, according to the AAA-Chicago Motor Club's November fuel gauge survey.

This month's average price for all grades of gasoline in Illinois and Northern Indiana is \$1.373, down 2.6 cents from the October average of \$1.396. The current territory-wide average, however, is 22.4 cents higher than the November, 1998 price of \$1.149.

"Though small, this decrease is significant because it's the first one in more than eight months," says Ileana Blake, spokesperson for the AAA-Chicago Motor Club.

The last decrease the territory has seen was in March 1999, when the average price for gas went from \$1.055 (in February) to the March price of \$1.054.

Locally, gasoline prices are showing similar trends—in varying

degrees—of falling prices.

In Chicago and Cook County, the average price for self-serve unleaded regular gas is \$1.347, down 6.1 cents from last month's price of \$1.408.

In Northern Indiana, a gallon of self-serve unleaded is averaging \$1.164, a decrease of 3.4 cents from the October price of \$1.198.

Prices for self-serve unleaded in downstate Illinois, however, did not change from last month's price of \$1.299.

Library Collects "Toys for Tots"

Help bring holiday joy to needy children by donating "Toys for Tots" at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., through December 20.

Delivery assistance provided by Oak Lawn Harley Davidson, Inc.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Daley Opens Spring Registration

November 15, 1999... At Daley College, they're already thinking about spring—or at least about the spring semester, which starts in January. Mark Warden, Interim President of Daley College has announced the opening of spring registration. "We begin registration in November now so that students planning ahead can have the best choice of classes and class times," noted Warden, "By acting now, they can complete their registration quickly, with no lines" he added.

Celebrated Chicago artist Tom Palazzolo will be teaching *Watercolor Painting* and *Introduction to Oil Painting Techniques*. Palazzolo was the subject of recent articles in the Chicago Reader and the Chicago Sun-Times for his recent show at a North Side gallery, entitled "Tom Marches On." Palazzolo's experimental films have been featured on Channel 11 - WTTW and Channel 20 - WYCC. Dr. Ricardo Lorenz will teach *Perspectives in Jazz* and a humanities course focusing on art and music. In addition to being a very popular instructor at Daley, Dr.

Lorenz serves with the Armonia program of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In that capacity that he developed a highly unusual match up: a program that has brought together traditional Mexican music with music from the European classical tradition. The program has been presented at the Old Town School of Folk Music as well as at Daley College and other community locations.

The award-winning Daley College mathematics department will be offering sixteen courses ranging from remedial mathematics and algebra to advanced courses in calculus and analytic geometry, differential equations, and business statistics. The department is offering a special calculus class for students in business and the social sciences. The Daley math department won a 1999 national award for Exemplary initiatives in the Classroom from the National Council Of Instructional Administrators for its innovative, highly effective approach to teaching remedial mathematics.

The Computer Information

Systems department, now one of the largest departments in the college, will be offering forty-one sections of fifteen different courses including *Introduction to Computer Information Systems*, *Fundamental Concepts of Computer Information Systems - Microcomputers*, *Introduction to C Language and Advanced C Language*, *Internet and Networking*, and *Introduction to Business Telecommunications*, as well as a range of courses on software applications.

Others of the almost 200 college credit classes and several hundred sections this spring term are offerings in anthropology, art, astronomy, biology, business, chemistry, child development, computer information systems, counseling, criminal justice, economics, education, English, engineering, environmental studies, general studies, geography, geology, history, humanities, literature, mathematics, mechanical technology, microbiology, music, nursing, pharmacology, philosophy, political science, physics, psychology, social science,

sociology, Spanish, speech, theater, and zoology. Special courses for education majors include *The American Public School*, *Introduction to the Visual Arts*, and *Crafts Workshop*. Other spring semester offerings include Environmental Studies, *Geography of Metropolitan Chicago*, *History of Latin America*, *Experimental Literature - Perspectives in Jazz*, *Critical Thinking*, and *Business and Industrial Psychology*.

For further information contact, Dan Landt, 836-7543

Blood Drive in Alsip

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 W. 120th Street in Alsip has just announced that the first Alsip Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2000. Holy Cross has been the home and sponsor of these Community Drives for the last 10 years. The drive will run from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call Maureen at (708) 361-3901 to sign-up for your donation.

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Holiday Fun at the Oak Lawn Park District

The month of December is full of fun activities for families and people of all ages at the Oak Lawn Park District. Special holiday programs follow:

Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 11, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.). Santa Claus arrives by helicopter at 9 a.m. to visit and share a McDonald's breakfast with the children of Oak Lawn. Cost \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents.

Christmas Skating Exhibition, Dec. 16, Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena (9320 S. Kenton Ave.). At 6 p.m., skaters as young as four years old will be performing to their favorite holiday music. In addition to soloists, the arena's competitive youth and adult-precision teams will also perform. Admission is \$2 for all.

Teen 'Tis the Season Party, Dec. 17, The Basement Teen Center (9400 S. Oak Park Ave.). Teens can show their holiday spirit as they go caroling to collect donations for local food pantries. Afterwards, they'll warm up with some

hot chocolate and holiday activities. Cost is \$1 with a non-perishable food donation or \$3 without.

Skate with Santa, Dec. 19, Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena (9320 S. Kenton Ave.). Free skating lessons are offered for area families in two sessions: one at 2:40 p.m. and one at 3:50 p.m. After the lessons, participants will enjoy a practice session with Santa Claus. Admission is free for all; skates are available for rent at \$2 per pair.

Christmas Storytelling & Sing-A-Long, Dec. 20, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.). Kids and parents join together for a morning of stories, songs and goodies from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents.

Make a Gingerbread House, Dec. 20, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.). Create a tasty, and beautiful seasonal decoration with sweet treats. Cost is \$8 for residents and \$10.50 for non-residents. Class is designed for children ages six to 12.

Make Your Own

Ornament, Dec. 21, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.). Kids, take an hour at 1 p.m. to create your own Christmas ornament to give as a gift to your mom or dad or a friend. Cost is \$2 for residents and \$2.50 for non-residents.

Kids' Holiday Break Open Gym, Dec. 22, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.). The gym will be open from noon until 2 p.m. for kids to shoot hoops or play floor hockey. Free for residents \$1 for non-residents.

Kids' Holiday Craft, Dec. 27, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.). Kids are invited to make a special Christmas craft at 10 a.m. Cost is \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents.

Holiday Movies & Popcorn, Dec. 28, Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.). Kids, watch movie with us on the big screen and eat homemade popcorn at noon. Only G and PG movies will be shown. Cost is \$2 for residents and \$2.50 for non-residents.

After Christmas Indoor Rollerskating, Dec. 29,

Oakview Center (4625 W. 110th St.) Bring your skates/blades and roll to music in the gym from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is 50 cents for residents, and \$1 for non-residents.

New Year's Eve Family-Fun Party, Dec. 31, Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.). This unforgettable all-

ages party will feature a professional D.J., dancing, food, drinks, games for kids, an exclusive slide show, a balloon drop, fireworks at midnight and more.

Advanced registration is required. Cost is \$20 for Oak Lawn adults, \$30 for adult non-residents, \$10 for ages five to 20, and free, for ages

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To register for these programs, or to hear about other holiday goings-on, call the park district at (708) 857-2200.

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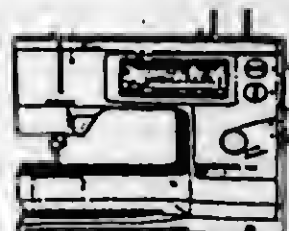
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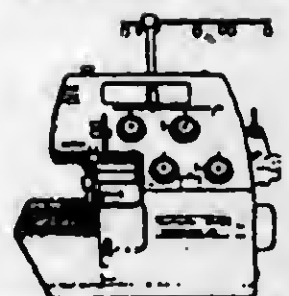
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The orchestra, under the Direction of David L. Crane will present Leroy Anderson "Sleigh Ride", "Tintinnabulation" by Pierpont which is a humorous arrangement of secular Christmas carols, and selections from the Nutcracker. Also programmed with an ensemble from both chorus "A Musicological Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas", presenting the Christmas ditty as it might have been written by Wagner, Johann Strauss, Tchaikovsky and Sousa among others.

The Voices of the Valley, directed by Alice McGuire and St. Julie's Adult Choir, directed by Deanne Tumpich will be performing "Masters in the Halls" by David Willcocks, "Come Leave Your Sheep" and "Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices" by John Rutter and "Glory to God" from Handel's "Messiah".

The St. Julie's Youth Choir will perform two selections, "Echo Carol" and "Jesus Christ Is Born Today"

and joining the adult choirs with a French Canadian carol composed by Jean de Brebeuf, "Twas In The Moon Of Winter".

Southwest Symphony 2

The church's Handbell Choir directed by Dominic Piane will play an English Carol "As Lately We Watch" and a 19th Century Austrian carol, "In Dulci Jubilo"

Audience participation will be a feature for this year's concert again. Besides the Carol Festival and Medley, the attendees will be asked to join in on the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Messiah". Memories of this special community attraction will last well into the next century.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for Seniors and \$7 for Students. They may be ordered from the orchestra at 708-802-0686 or purchased after Masses at the church.

Southwest Symphony, a largely volunteer community orchestra, has for the past several years collaborated with an area church to produce a family-oriented holiday program. This is the third year at St. Julie, and as in the past three years the concert is sponsored by Old Kent Bank and partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an opera lecture on "Die Fledermaus" Sunday, December 5 at 2 p.m. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

At this informative session, you will hear vocal and musical selections, learn about the composer, Johann Strauss, Jr., and gain a better understanding of the story. The lecture will be presented by a member of the Lyric Lecture Corps.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of opera lectures is available at the Oak Lawn Public Library Community Information Centers, first floor.

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The Things Kids Say

Art Linkletter made a fortune when he discovered that 'Kids Say the Darndest Things'. For all their honesty and straight forwardness, it's no wonder they keep us forever on our toes. There is a wealth of wisdom tucked inside their little heads and it is that very wisdom that can, at times, have us laugh out loud, cause us to pray the ground would swallow us up, or sometimes cause a tear to fall when a heart felt sentiment is shared.

Little Michael, so proud of his mother's cooking skills, bragged to his grandma one day what a great cook his mommy is. As he munched on grandma's homemade bread and roast beef dinner he declared his mom to be the best cook in the whole world. What is his mother's specialty you may be wondering? "My mom makes the best cereal," the youngster replies matter of fact.

Once there was a charming little girl who was too young to know what day it was, but that didn't stop her from knowing how many days till Santa came to town. Katelyn counted down the days by keeping track of the nights she was tucked into bed. "two sleeps till Santa comes," she excitedly announces the day before Christmas Eve.

Lauren is an intelligent girl, way beyond her years. One day when her frustrated mother couldn't find an item she was looking for in the kitchen cabinet, Lauren informed her that she must be looking with 'man's eyes'.

Marissa is a sprightly little darling who sometimes speaks a language all her own. Once, when her father's friend stopped by for a visit, she caught a glimpse of this short man who resembled a midget and blurted out, "Look mommy-it's a toy maker! "Sometimes it's not their words but their actions that have us shaking our heads in disbelief.

Brian, a kid who has a bright imagination and a gift for creativity, found inspiration during the Halloween holiday. The idea to carve a tooth from Dracula's waxed choppers and place it under his pillow with hopes to fool the tooth fairy didn't fly, but you have to admit the kid's got plenty of potential for the whimsical.

I find it amazing how quick thinking some tiny tots can be, which was the case many years ago when Jaime and Katie were little more than toddlers. Both had identical gold fish that lived in the same fish bowl. One morning we sadly discovered one poor fish, belly-up on the water's surface, dead as a door nail.

It was a pathetic sight, but big sister Jaime didn't miss a beat. Without a second to spare she put a consoling arm around her little sister and said, "Oh Katie, so sorry YOUR gold fish died."

What goes on in those creative little heads of theirs is anyone's guess. They don't miss a trick, that's for sure, and if we're really lucky we have the opportunity to be enlightened by their endless words of wisdom. Especially when a young child wraps their tiny arms around a frazzled mother's neck and beams with sincere confidence, "You're the bestest mommy I every knew!"



State Senator O'Malley receives Sponsor's award

PALOS PARK— State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) recently received the Illinois Credit Union System's Sponsor's Award for his sponsorship of credit union legislation. Pictured arc (from left) Sallie Newton, CEO of Archer Heights Credit Union in Chicago; Mark Lenaway, CEO of Alliance Financial Credit Union in Oak Park; Helena Polk, Illinois Credit Union Foundation Representative; and Larry Newton, Auditor of Midwest Operating Engineers Credit Union in Countryside. O'Malley is the Chairman of the Senate Financial Institutions Committee.

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Tom Stoppard's razor-sharp wit burns with passion in this emotionally engaging "backstage" comedy about a famous playwright, Henry, who does not know how to write about love. What ensues is a wry, witty and ultimately uplifting commentary on modern love and marriage.

Leading the ensemble cast is Ned Schmidtke (Max), who appeared in Court Theatre's "UNCLE VANYA," "THE ORESTEIA," "ANGEL STREET" and "SERIOUS MONEY." Barbara Robertson (Charlotte) was last seen at Court in "THE LITTLE FOXES" and "LA BETE." Edmund Davys (Henry) most recently appeared on Broadway in Sir Peter Hall's critically acclaimed production of Oscar Wilde's "AN IDEAL HUSBAND." Kate Collins (Annie) was last seen at Court Theatre in the title role of "NORA" and as 'Leonide' in the Joseph Jefferson Award-winning production of "THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE." Steven Rishard (Billy) was last seen at Court Theatre Astolfo in "LIFE'S A DREAM." Elizabeth Ledo (Debbie), who appeared in "THE LYNCHING OF LEO FRANK," and Danny Belrose (Brodie), who appeared in "FEEDLOT," are making their Court Theatre debuts.

Director Gary Griffin is one of Chicago's most-acclaimed directors, having staged productions at the Apple Tree Theatre, Pegasus Players, Famous Door and Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace. He has received Joseph Jefferson Awards for "ASSASSINS... STAND UP TRAGEDY" and

"PUTTING IT TOGETHER," which was staged at Court Theatre in 1997. He also directed the critically-hailed production of "GROSS INDECENCY: THE THREE TRIALS OF OSCAR WILDE" at Court. From 1993 to 1998, Griffin served as artistic director at Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace. Recently, his production of Jonathan Harvey's "BEAUTIFUL THING" completed a five-month run in New York City.

Czechoslovakian born playwright Tom Stoppard has been known for three decades as a master of witty, intelligent, multi-layered plays. His credits include the plays "ROSECRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD," "TRAVESTIES," "JUMPERS," "DOG'S HAMLET AND CAHOOTS," "MACBETH," "ON THE RAZZLE," "EVERY GOOD BOY DESERVES FAVOUR," "THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND," "AFTER MAGRITTE... PROFESSIONAL FOUL" and "INDIAN INK." His screenplay credits include those of "EMPIRE OF THE SUN," "THE RUSSIA HOUSE," "BILLY BATHGATE," and "SHAKE-SPEARE IN LOVE."

The design team for "THE REAL THING" includes Joe Tilford (Scenic Designer); Mark Botelho (Costume Designer); Chris Binder (Lighting Designer); and Joe Cerqua (Sound Designer/Composer).

Court Theatre's popular Theater Entree Night series continues with a perfect pairing of "THE REAL THING" and Trattoria Parina, 400 N. Clark St. On Friday, Dec. 3, theatergoers will meet at the restaurant at 5 p.m. for a delicious dinner with members of Court's artistic staff. Following the meal, a luxury coach bus will transport guests to the theater for a special performance of "THE REAL THING." Cast members will help theatergoers, heighten their knowledge of the production as they ride back to the restaurant following the performance. Tickets are \$75 per person and include a complete gourmet dinner, theater admission and transportation. For reservations, please call the Court Theatre Box Office at (773) 753-4472.

The performance schedule for "THE REAL THING" will be as follows: Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (except 11/25); Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, evenings at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances are Saturdays at 3 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$26 to \$36. Group rates and student discounts are available. For tick-

ets and for more information, call the Court Theatre Box Office at (773) 753-4472.

Court Theatre is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts; a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; and a City Arts III grant from the City of Chicago

Department of Cultural Affairs.

Court Theatre is currently selling subscriptions for the

remaining productions in its 1999-2000 season, featuring, "THE REAL THING," Eugene O'Neill's "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS," Moliere's "THE LEARNED LADIES" and Peter Oswald's "FAIR LADIES AT A GAME OF POEM CARDS." Flexible subscriptions, which do not require advance date commitments, also are available. For more information regarding sub-

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Veteran cook continues to make holiday meals at home



Richard Dixon

By Annette Dixon

Richard Dixon, volunteer cook for parties of a hundred or more would prefer cooking in quantity, than cooking for two.

When the draft was popular in the late 50's, Richard Dixon was drafted in the army and his MOS was that of a chef. After basic training, then culinary arts training, he became a chef for the 378 Medical Battalion at Schofield Barracks in Oahu,

Hawaii. In 1958, Hawaii was not a state, and unlike the commercial tourist center it is now, he was able to learn about Filipino and Japanese cooking.

When he was discharged in 1960, he was recalled into the reserve unit for the Berlin Crisis, which was 1961, therefore serving as chief chef for the unit in Ft. McClellan, Anniston, Alabama.

Although his talents did not go to waste, he continued to cook for various church, scouts and school groups on a voluntary basis.

Rich's favorite story is when St. Gerald Church had "Showtime" and they were looking for prices and bids from catering companies. I guess the prices were extremely high so The Houlihan's and Malloy's felt that Rich Dixon could try an unusual dinner with all volunteers as assistants.

The menu consisted of Fi-

let Mignon and chicken to order. The waitresses took orders for medium and well done steaks. Rich used the school's kitchen and cooked over 700 dinners, with few complaints. His spaghetti dinner for the Boy Scouts was for over 1,000 dinners and this was the volunteer job he loved.

Right now he cooks occasionally at home and enjoys the company we receive. If anyone is looking for a volunteer occasionally to cook for one hundred or more, give Rich Dixon a call and I'm sure he will be able to either instruct and/or cook the meal for the organization.

Following are Rich's favorite recipes for 100 or more guests which can be used for various organizations with a large attendance or family. Please comment by sending a letter to the editor for Rich Dixon and his comments.

French Toast

Yield 100

- 5 dozen eggs
- 7 quarts milk
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup cinnamon

Scrambled Eggs

Yield 100

- 10 dozen eggs
- 1/2 gallon milk
- salt and pepper to taste

French Onion Soup

- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 5 cups thin sliced yellow onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 quarts beef bouillon (canned)
- salt & pepper to taste
- grated Parmesan

Combine butter and onion. Cook slow, 15 minutes covered. Uncover cook 35 minutes until onion is golden brown. Sprinkle in salt and flour. Stir three minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in broth. Simmer 35 minutes. Serve with cheese and croutons.

5. Stir in cheese, salt and pepper to taste. Cover and let sit 2 minutes. Serve hot.

Breakfast with Santa at O.L. Church

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, IL will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Santa should be arriving about



Spaghetti Sauce

- 1 lbs. neck bones
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 1 12 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 pinch oregano
- salt and pepper to taste

Brown garlic in oil and take out. Add neck bones and brown. Add tomato paste and sauce with water. Clean each can by running water into and stir with spoon and putting in pot. Cover with lid, simmer 3 hours. If sauce is to thin take lid off. Serve with meatballs or sausage and spaghetti.

Bean Soup

- 4 quarts water
- 1 ham bone with ham on it
- 1 package white northern beans
- celery and onion as desired
- salt and pepper to taste

Soak beans overnight in water. Cook ham bone 1 1/2 hours to make a good stock. Drain beans. Put into stock and bring to a boil. Simmer three hours until beans are soft. Take 1 cup of soft beans. Mash and add celery and onion. Simmer one hour and serve.

10:00 a.m. On the menu is eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, toast, etc, all this for a free will offering. There will

also be a Cookie/Candy sale. For more information you may call the church office at 708-599-4025.



"Christmas Is Calling You Home"

A musical drama about cherished childhood memories will be presented by the Moraine Valley Church Choir, Cast and Orchestra. A wonderful evening for family and friends to reminisce about Christmas. This takes place on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, AT 7:00 PM; and on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th AT 6:00 PM at MORaine VALLEY CHURCH, 6300 W. 127TH ST. Palos Heights, Ill. 60463. There is no charge and child care is provided. For more information, please call 708-389-1268.

"Christmas In Egypt" will be presented by the Moraine Valley Church Children's Sunday School, Children's Church, and Children's Choirs followed by a special message by Pastor Pat Peglow. This Christmas event takes place on Sunday, December 19th at 10:00 AM at Moraine Valley Church, 6300 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, Ill. 60463. There is no charge and child care is provided. For more information, please call 708-389-1268.

Everyone is invited to worship at a CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE with special music and drama. This serv-

ice is on December 24th at 6:00 PM at Moraine Valley Church, 6300 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463. There is no charge. For more information, please call 708-389-1268.

Pumpkin Risotto Serves 4

A rich and cream dish, makes a delicious accompaniment to baked or grilled chicken or turkey.

- 3-1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1-1/2 cups Covent Garden Pumpkin Soup

- 1-1/2 cups Arborio rice
- 1-1/2 tsp. dried sage leaves, or 1 Tbsp. chopped, fresh sage

- 1/2 to 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

1. In a medium saucepan, heat broth to a low simmer.
2. In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion. Cook and stir, over medium heat about 5 minutes or until softened.
3. Stir in soup. Cook and stir 5 minutes. Stir in rice and sage. Cook and stir 2 minutes.
4. Stir in 1/4 cup of the simmering broth. Continue stirring until broth has been absorbed. Repeat process about 20 minutes or until rice is tender but firm, Use as much broth as is neces-



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Sesquicentennial logo contest won by Richards student

The Worth Township Sesquicentennial Committee is pleased to announce that they have selected a winner in their logo contest. The winner is Kim Dier, a student at Richards High School in Oak Lawn. All of the high schools within the Township were invited to participate.

The logo will be used throughout the coming year on a variety of items including; cups, water bottles and T-shirts. In recognition of her achievement, Kim has been invited to attend the December 21 "Township Board Meeting" where she will be honored and present-

ed with a U.S. Savings Bond from Marquette Bank in Evergreen Park and a gift certificate from the Sesquicentennial Committee for the purchase of art supplies.



SSA has announced the 1999 cost of living adjustment and other benefit determinations based on the COLA. Social Security and SSI benefits will increase 2.4%. The main changes are as follows:

Quarter of coverage:.....\$780
Maximum retirement

benefit:.....\$1433

Average retirement

benefit\$804/month

Average disabled

worker benefit: \$154/month

On October 19, 1999, the

U.S. House of Represent-

atives' passed H.R. 1180,

"The ticket to Work and

Work Incentives Improve-

ment Act of 1999," by a vote

of 412-9. The Senate passed

its work incentive bill, S.

331, in June 1999 by a 99-0

vote. H. R. 1180, as passed

by the House differs from S.

331. As a result, a House -

Senate conference commit-

tee is expected to meet during

the week of November 1 to

fashion a compromise agree-

ment. The House and Senate

then will vote on the confer-

ence agreement. The Senate

conferees are Senators Roth

(R-DE), Lott (R-MS), and

Moynihan (D-NY). The

House conferees are Reps.

Archer (R-TX), Bliley (R-

VA), Arney (R-TX), Rangel

(D-NY), and Dingell (D-MI).

The House Ways and

Means Subcommittees on

Social Security and Human

Resources held a joint hear-

ing on SSA's management of

"Its disability caseload on

October 21, 1999.

Naturally Commissioner

Apfel's testimony noted what

they felt to be improvements,

such as average processing

time had decreased to 316

days at the close of FY 1999

from 386 in FY 1997. Also

the ALJ allowance rate

dropped to 53% in 1998,

while initial claim allowance

rate increased from 30% to

35%. Apfel was asked about

the increasing processing

time at the Appeals Council

level which now averages

more than 500 days. He stat-

ed they are developing a

plan.

The GAO also testified

noting that the disability

claims process is to complex,

the large backlog of cases,

inconsistent decisions between the initial and appeal levels (at the initial level, denials are more error-prone; at the hearing level allowances are more error-prone). The GAO noted that SSA made little progress under the initial redesign plan to improve the claims process. According to reengineering experts, any federal agencies have failed in their efforts. If you would like to get the written statements of all witnesses this can be obtained through the House Ways and Means web site at: http://www.house.gov/ways_means/socsec/106cong/ss-8wit.htm.

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SOUTHSIDE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP & ALL STAR GAME

The Southside Catholic Conference held its Football Championship Games Sunday, November 14th at Brother Rice High School. In Jr. Varsity action, St. Michael (Orland Park) defeated St. Denis (Wrightwood) by a score of 38 - 7. In the Varsity championship game, St. Linus (Oak Lawn) defeated Christ the King (Beverly) by a score of 18 - 6.

On Friday, November 19th, the Southside Catholic Conference held its First Annual All-Star Game at Brother Rice's Joe Johnston Field, under the lights. The game featured many talented 8th graders from the area.

Listed below are our 8th grade All-Stars: White Division: Kevin Brooks, Dan Henry, Ryne Duleba - St. Bede; Pat Riggio, Ryan Prendergast, Jim Corriveau - St. Michael; Tom Johnson, Mike Sullivan, Pat Knott - St. Cajetan; Dan Inzinga, Dan Remegi, Tony Sosnowski - St. John Fisher; Dan Eble, Sean Dillon, Luke Thara - St. Linus; Bill Hronec, Mike Toms, Mike Westerkamp - St. Bernadette; Mike Hayden, Pat Harrigan, Sean Doherty - Christ the King; Chris Vari, Rhett Graves, Jim Long - Qn. of Martyrs Red Division: DeCarlo, Tim Liston, Dave Johnson - St.

Christina; Kyle Hardy, Joe Gribisic, Josh Gould - Annunciata; Kevin Fitzgibbon, David James, Ron Tomalis - St. Mary Star of the Sea; Dan McEldowney, Joe O'Connor, Matt Boyle - St. Barnabas; Rich Lewandowski, Dave Pearson, Tony Reed - St. Denis; Doug Lyons, Dan Novosel, Francisco Resendez - St. Catherine; Brad Scaduto, Kevin Zientek, Paul Bertucci - St. Gerald; Jim Dougherty, Mike Guerra, Bob Gleigh - Most Holy Redeemer.

Children's Holiday Program at Library

Mark McKillip's Puppet Art Troop will present "Magical Toymakers" Saturday, December 11 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Free tickets for children in kindergarten through fifth grade will be available at the Youth Services Desk Services site on the Oak Lawn Public Library web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

LIPINSKI OPPOSES FINANCIALLY RECKLESS CATCH-ALL SPENDING BILL

(Washington, D.C.) - Today Congressman Bill Lipinski voted nay on H.R. 3194, a bill that encompassed five Fiscal Year 2000 Appropriations' bills and other measures. H.R. 3194 included the Commerce-Justice-State, Foreign Operations, Interior, Labor Health and Human Services-Education, and District of Columbia Appropriations bills. Also included were a Dairy-Milk Marketing bill, a measure to fix the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 that severely cut payments to Medicare providers, and other miscellaneous measures. H.R. 3194 passed by a vote of 296 to 135.

"Contrary to what both parties are saying, the raid on the Social Security Trust Fund continues. Including other appropriations bills that have been passed, this bill concludes the year 2000 raid at \$34 billion. In addition, passage of the omnibus spending bill will not only result in spending some of the Social Security surplus in 2000, but will put us on a course to continue spending the Social Security Surplus and eventually consume more than 75 percent of the projected on budget (non-Social Security) surplus in

2002. These measures are an affront to the seniors of America and to all those who care about maintaining fiscal discipline," said Lipinski.

Member of Congress had less than 12 hours, to review the bill, which drew complaints from both sides of the aisle. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office did not have time to score the measure.

"When the Republicans came to power in Congress, they promised they would end the practice of bringing measures to the floor of the House without proper review by Members." Clearly, they have not kept that promise. While there are some good provisions in this bill, including more cops on the street, teachers in schools and funding fixes for nursing homes, there was not adequate time to ferret out unnecessary pork spending or to get a close look at provisions of a bill that includes about half of all government spending," Lipinski stated.

In addition to the spending of the Social Security surplus and the limited time in which to review the bill, many other issues raised the ire of House Members. Budgeting gimmicks and the

increase or decrease in certain programs also highlighted debate on the bill.

"Hard decisions were not made, just passed off to the future. For example, instead of a true offset, the bill delays the September 30, 2000 pay day for military and civilian employees to October 1 in order to put the money into FY2001. I am also dismayed that the dairy provisions in this bill unfairly punish dairy farmers in my state and in the upper Midwest, therefore passing on costs to consumers. The other travesties in this bill, that are readily apparent, are the shortchanging of aging programs such as the popular meals on wheels program, the restrictions on funding for teacher training and student development, the funding of the dictatorial-making School of the Americas, and the continued funding to human rights abusing nations such as Indonesia and Guatemala. I could not vote for this measure and then go face my constituents who will have their pay delayed, who will have to pay higher milk prices, and who will have no hope for innovative schooling," Lipinski explained.

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Daniel Greenfield and Michelle Shneider, 7th grade math and science teachers at Evergreen Academy Middle School, located at 3737 So. Paulina, recently presented at the Illinois Science Teachers Associations annual conference held in Springfield October 1-2.

Their presentation incorporated integrating math and science in the classroom. The teachers team teach several laboratory activities each quarter so that the students can see the natural integration of the disciplines of science and mathematics. work with real life applications of the concepts learned and have the benefit of two teachers in the classroom. At the I.S.T.A. Convention "Galactic Games" (one of the integrated lessons taught) was presented to science teachers from across the state.

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O'MALLEY BILL REINS IN PAYDAY AND CAR TITLE LOAN COMPANIES

SPRINGFIELD - Community and state officials will have more control over payday loan and car title lenders, under legislation introduced by State Sen. Patrick Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) to regulate an industry known for charging outrageous interest rates.

Senate Bill 1276 requires the state Department of Financial Institutions to license and regulate short-term loan companies. The legislation defines short-term loans as loans that must be repaid in 30 days (or less) or charge more than 36 percent per year, and are made by companies that do not accept and insure deposits.

"It is shocking that these companies charge interest exceeding 300 percent per year for these loans. Local officials have expressed their frustration at having little or no control over such businesses in their communities," said O'Malley. "This legislation gives locals the control they need to strongly regulate these businesses within their municipal borders."

The 18th District Senator says the bill as drafted incorporates the recommendations from many different sources, including the Department of Financial Institutions, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), public officials and individuals who shared their concerns about the issue. He says he is also working with AARP on additional language they will be recommending concerning car-title loans.

Senate Bill 1276 allows counties and municipalities to enact stronger zoning and aesthetic ordinances and impose fees to cover costs and expenses associated with inspection and other regulations. A company seeking a short-term lending license from the Department of Financial Institutions will have to prove that its business practices and proposed location complies with all local zoning and other ordinance requirements. An applicant must provide a form completed by local officials certifying compliance with local zoning ordinances and regulations. The bill also stipulates that the Department of Financial Institutions may not renew a license for a location due to a change in circumstances, including the enactment of a local zoning ordinance since the original issuance or more recent renewal. Any person aggrieved by a violation of the Act may bring individual or class action lawsuits against a short term lending company, with the possibility of recovering punitive damages. Senate Bill 1276 also:

- Allows the loan to be prepaid and requires the refund of unearned interest.
- In areas where there is a significant ethnic population, permits local ordinances to require all loan contract disclosures to be made in languages other than English.
- Prohibits the advance payment or compounding of interest.
- Imposes a \$750 non-

refundable initial application fee and an annual \$1,000 license fee.

- Sets a minimum net worth requirement of \$250,000 for each licensed location.

- Prohibits a short-term lending business from locating within one mile of a gambling establishment, riverboat dock and college university campus with student housing.

- Limits the amount of short-term loans to \$500 if secured by a post-dated check, and \$2,000 for any other type of loan.

- Allows the loan to roll over only twice, and only when the previous existing balance has been reduced by 25 percent.

- Requires lenders making car-title loans to file liens against motor vehicles with the Secretary of State within 24 hours. Release of the lien must be made within 24 hours of payoff, with evidence of the release provided to the borrower.

Violating this Act is a Class 4 felony (1-3 years behind bars and a fine of up to \$25,000) The state Department of Financial Institutions may also order a \$10,000 civil fine.

Senate Bill 1276 is the culmination of months of study by the Department and the Senate Financial Institutions Committee.

"As chairman of the Senate Financial Institution, Committee, I convened meetings this spring in Oak Lawn and Springfield to allow citizens to voice their concerns," O'Malley said. "My Senate Resolution 42

also directed the Department of Financial Institutions to study the issue this summer, building on the Committee's findings."

Payday loan companies are licensed under the Consumer Installment Loan Act. They make short-term loans (payday to payday) and take the borrower's

post-dated check as collateral. Interest and finance charges for these types of loan transactions are reported to exceed 300 percent per year. Car title lenders loan money against a signed motor vehicle title and a spare set of keys.

Friends of the Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Reading material is available in advance. Everyone is welcome to join.

A short story discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet December 8 to discuss "The Loudest Voice" by Grace Paley and January 12 for "The Three Strangers" by Thomas Hardy. Copies of these short stories can be

picked up one month in advance at the library's Fiction Desk, first floor.

A novel discussion group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will not meet in December due to the holidays. On January 26, the group will meet to discuss "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. Copies of this novel can be checked out one month in advance at the library's Circulation Desk, first floor.

Meetings are held in the Mary Nelson Classroom, on the library's lower level.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, 708-422-4933.

Worth Township has 'Walk Through History'

Worth Township is celebrating their Sesqui-centennial in the year 2000. As part of the 150th birthday, next October the township is featuring a "Worth Township Walk Through History" day.

The historical committee is looking for township citizens that may be either the oldest, lived in the township the longest, were part of a major event, or can relate a story of historical importance. The Committee would like to interview these residents and record any narratives they are willing to share. If you are interested in telling what you know about Worth Township, please write to the Historical Committee of Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, IL, 60803, or call (708) 371-2900. The township would love to hear from you and share your memories. Worth Township's borders are 87th Street on the North, 135th Street on the South, Harlem Avenue on the West and Western Ave. on the East.

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ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER AND THE COCA-COLA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE NATIONAL EXPANSION OF MUSEUM FELLOWS PROGRAM FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

Chicago and Minnesota Historical Societies Adopt Model Program

Atlanta, Georgia, October 18, 1999 — The Atlanta History Center and The Coca-Cola Foundation today, announced the national expansion of the Museum Fellows program to the Chicago and Minneapolis Historical Societies. This innovative pilot program, developed by the Atlanta History Center, brings together the museum, business and academic worlds in an effort to attract minority students to the museum profession. The program is open to African-American, Asian American, Hispanic-American and Native American undergraduates.

Made possible by funding from The Coca-Cola Foundation, the program has graduated 19 students since its inception in 1994. With the national expansion, 54 additional students will participate between 1999-2002.

"The Coca-Cola Company is committed to programs that increase opportunities for minority students to help shape and lead our cultural institutions," said Ingrid Saunders Jones, vice president, corporate external affairs, The Coca-Cola Company. "The Museum Fellows Program draws tal-

ented students to this important profession — we're happy to see this innovative program expanding into other parts of the country."

"The lack of minority students entering the museum profession has been a long-term concern for many educators and museum leaders. We created the Museum Fellows Program as a step toward bringing greater cultural diversity to the field. Our hope that the program would grow to a national level is now being realized," says Dr. Rick Beard, executive director of the Atlanta History Center.

The Museum Fellows Program

The National Museum Fellows Program introduces students to career paths in the museum profession. A 12-month academic curriculum combines hands-on apprenticeships with travel to the nation's most highly regarded museums.

As a result of the program, Fellows have been employed by the Studio Museum in Harlem; the Field, DuSable and Newark Museums; the J.P. Morian Arts and Culture Division; and the Rockefeller Foundation's National Video Resources. Graduates of the

Fellows program have held internships at the Museum of Modern Art, The National Gallery and the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art, the Museum of the City of New York and the Studio Museum in Harlem. Participation in the program has resulted in multiple fellowships and grants for extended study by students in prestigious programs around the nation, including Seton Hall University's graduate museum studies program, the Columbia University and Art Institute of Chicago's master's degree programs and the Carnegie-Mellon University dual doctoral degree in history and arts administration programs.

The Atlanta History Center promotes an understanding of our shared and distinctive pasts to enrich our individual lives and inspire a stronger sense of community. Founded in 1926 by the Atlanta Historical Society, the Center consists of the

Atlanta History Museum, the 1928

Swan House mansion, the 1845 Tullie Smith farm, 33 acres of gardens and a research library/archives. Through exhibitions, educational programs, lectures, collections and research, the Center presents the stories of Atlanta's past, present and future in engaging and exciting ways to nearly 160,000 visitors each year.

The Coca-Cola Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The Coca-Cola Company. Formed in 1984 to support communities by making charitable contributions on behalf of the Company formed in 1984 to support communities by making charitable contributions on behalf of the company, the Foundation took on its singular commitment to education: in 1989. The Foundation has pledged to contribute \$100 million to education, which it will surpass early next year.

Introduction to the Engineering Profession and Engineering Graphics and Introduction to Design. In addition, the department has scheduled several offerings for advanced students, including Engineering Physics I, II, and III.

The Daley engineering program has ongoing relationships with several senior institutions in the field of engineering, including the University of Illinois, which offers summer internship opportunities with UIC faculty. Daley College is the only Illinois community col-

lege that is part of the national bilingual engineering program operated with the Department of Education and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. This support program provides opportunities for students bilingual in English and Spanish to transfer to universities in Puerto Rico after completing their degrees at Daley. Daley College is also a partner in the Chicago Alliance for Minority Articulation, funded by the National Science Foundation. This program, known as "CHAMP", assists

TWO PROMINENT CENTURY 21 FIRMS MERGE

Oak Lawn, IL (Lockport, IL), November 16, 1999, At a reception in Lockport, IL, Century 21 Pro-Team of Oak Lawn, and Century 21 Prime Real Estate of Lockport toasted the merger of their respective offices under the Century 21 Pro-Team banner.

Both offices will remain in operation at their current locations but plans are already underway to increase the company's presence in the Lockport/Homer market very soon. Several potential new office locations are under consideration at this time.

Darwin Conley, Regional Service Director for Century 21 complemented both brokers on a well thought out merger.

Chuck Dinolfo, Broker/Owner of Century 21 Pro-Team stated emphatically that "Ruta Susinskas, Broker of the former Century 21 Prime Office has provided Lockport with Quality Service and extremely well

trained agents and I am pleased that Ruta will continue to manage the Lockport office". "Growth in the Real Estate business is essential in today's fast paced market. The 21st Century will be filled with changes and we at Century 21 Pro-Team will continue to grow and change with the times. Ruta's knowledge of the area, involvement in the community, and management skills will be a real asset to Century 21 Pro-Team, Lockport and surrounding communities" said Dinolfo.

Visit Century 21 Pro-Team on their interactive website, www.C21PROTEAM.com, or stop in at one of their 2 locations at 5620 West 95th Street in Oak Lawn or 1135 East 9th Street, Lockport..

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Daley Provides Intro To Engineering

November 19, 1999.... Students interested in engineering may begin their studies in January announced Mark Warden, Interim President of Daley College and Beverly resident. "With

the importance of engineering in today's society, we decided not to wait until the fall semester to offer our introductory courses" noted Warden. Students interested in engineering can begin with

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community college students in preparing for study at four year colleges and universities and for careers in engineering.

Two high school level programs at Daley College also help prepare students for career's in engineering, mathematics, and science. The college has an after-school Upward Bound program for students at Curie, Farragut, and Kelly High Schools. Last year, four of the twenty five graduating seniors in this program received four year scholarships, including three statewide Golden Apple Scholarship award winners. Another program Projecto Access, sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, brings middle school students to the college to study math and science for eight weeks in the summer. This program, known as "PREP" is operated under the Daley College Department of Mathematics.

The Daley math department won a 1999 national award for Exemplary Initiatives in the Classroom from the National Council of Instructional Administrators for its innovative, highly effective approach to teaching mathematics.

In the summer of 1999, Daley College had the distinction of placing the largest number of interns of any school in the country at Argonne National Laboratory: nine of the twenty-five internships were filled by Daley students. One of the Daley students, Manuel Almazan, was selected to present his project in Washington D.C. to interested scientists and member's of congress.

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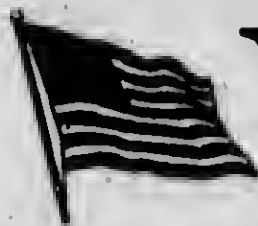
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Who Santa Claus Really Is

Every year during the season of Thanksgiving and Christmastime commercialization overcomes our society. On every streetcorner and at every downtown store you see a Santa Claus encouraging you to give or spend money.

But who was the real Santa Claus and where did this tradition begin? During the early 4th century A.D., Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor served God and the early Christian church.

St. Nicholas became a legendary bishop of Christian charity because of his believed gift giving to the poor and needy of his time. St. Nicholas, though orphaned came - from a wealthy family. He is said to have given his goods to the poor and sick and devoted himself to the conversion of sinners and care of the poor.

Legends tell of St. Nicholas tossing bags of gold into homes facing starvation, to his aid of poor servant girls, to lost sailors and to

penniless prisoners. St. Nicholas also faced the persecution of Christians in about 303 A.D.

The holiday gift giving and association of St. Nicholas actually began in early December, specifically on December 6, the Feast Day of St. Nicholas. However, the New York English corrupted the name of St. Nicholas into Santa Claus and associated him with Christmas, the traditional time of English gift giving.

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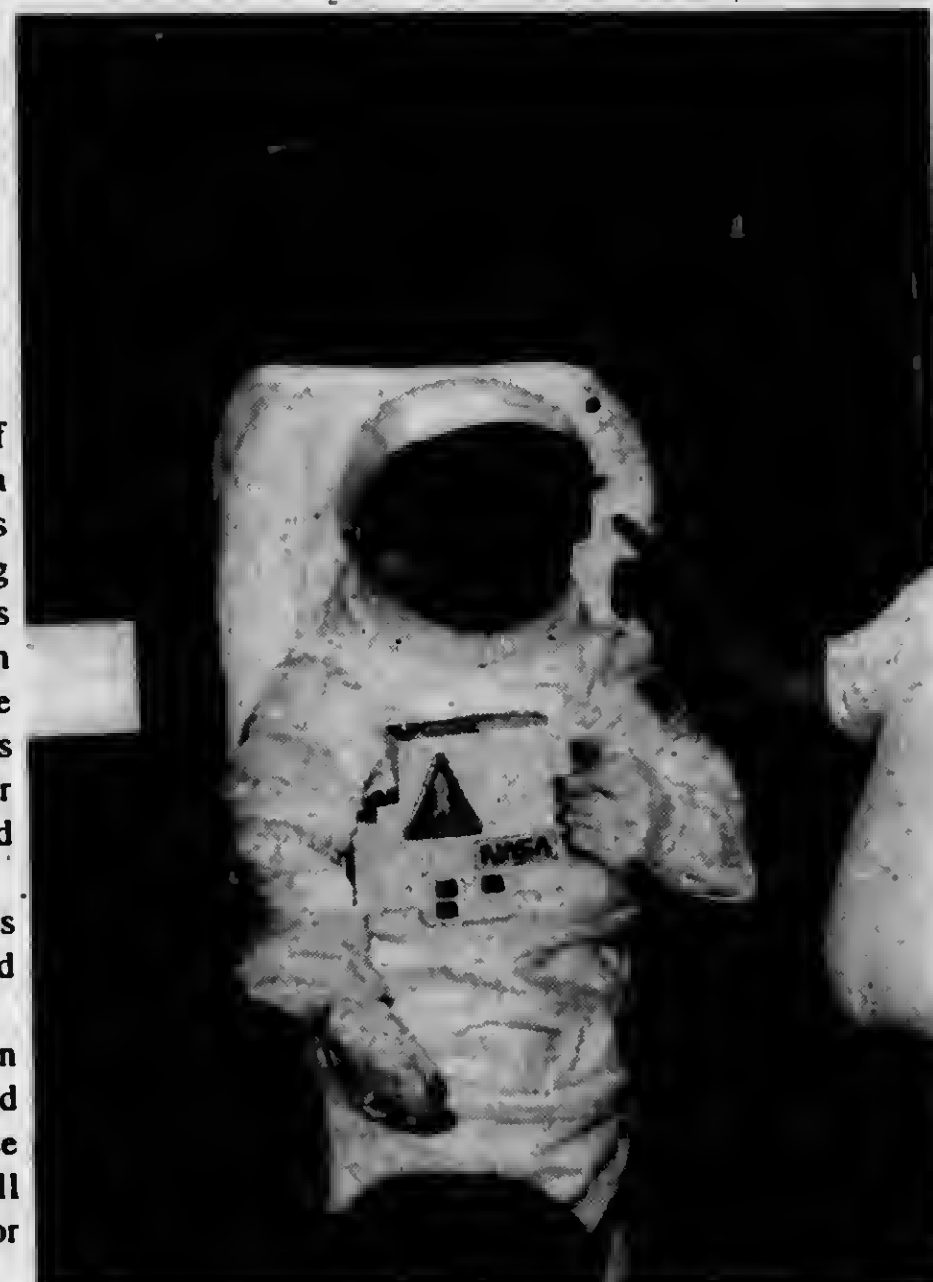
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The On Track Singles of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish has many events planned for the upcoming year in early 2000, events include a Superbowl Party in January, a dinner and movie night and a Chicago Bulls game in February. A dinner and bowling night is planned for March.

The On Track Singles is open to ALL single men and women age 21 and older.

For further information about membership, dates and events, or to receive a free copy of our newsletter, call John at (773) 585-8242, or Lucy at (773) 778-8239.



Midway Airport offer Civil air patrol search and rescue volunteers located at Midway

by Rick Techman

Midway Airport, among many other things, has supported a Civil Air Patrol squadron on its grounds for most of the past 40 years. Recently 1st Lyons Squadron, a composite unit of adults and youth beginning at age 12, has been welcome to the Army National Guard Armory at the south end of the airport for meetings and activities.

Aerospace Education is the primary focus of 1st Lyons Squadron with a senior level officer, Art Urban, having access to National Aeronautics and Space Administration training materials, both cadets and seniors enjoy learning about the world of inner and outer space.

Search and rescue of downed airplanes, lost hunters and other matters also encompass the activities of 1st Lyons Squadron. With several qualified adult observers, 1st Lyons Squadron is prepared to offer volunteers to ride on high wing aircraft and search the fields of Illinois for any disruptions while the

pilot flies the aircraft.

But the squadron is only part of a national organization of Civil Air Patrol squadrons. The Civil Air Patrol actually developed before the U.S. Air Force in 1941 to fly coastal patrols and secure the continent during World War II. Civil Air Patrol is actually accredited with sinking several enemy submarines before the end of the war and saving many marooned sailors.

Following the end of WWII, the U.S. Air force became a formal organization and the Civil Air Patrol was named the only official volunteer auxiliary. With this congressional authorization came the responsibility of wearing the air force uniform proudly, participating in search and rescue, disaster relief and cadet programs.

Locally, 1st Lyons Squadron has provided a wealth of aerospace education, leadership training and first aid training for its cadets. It has also provided some disaster relief for its neighbors.

First Lieutenant Walt Murray, a training officer

with 1st Lyons Squadron said, "we did manage to send a group of our cadets up to Wisconsin to take part in Wisconsin Wing's aerospace education program."

"We drove them up," he added, "to Milwaukee where they were given an airlift on a C-130 from Milwaukee to Osh Kosh, Wisconsin. They stayed in the CAP facilities at Osh Kosh."

He also said, "our guys did quite well even though they were massively outnumbered by the Wisconsin Wing people."

Murray said some squadron cadets came in second and third place in contests and there may have been one first place winner from the Illinois delegation as well.

First Lyons squadron is a composite squadron. The only composite squadron in Chicago. It is composed of a cadet membership between the ages of 12 and 18 and a senior membership 21 years of age and older. Members joining between the ages of 18 and 21 have the option of participating in the cadet or senior program. All senior

members are fingerprinted and have an FBI check done on their background.

Cadets and seniors from 1st Lyons Squadron have helped boy scout and girl scout groups restore their campgrounds to usable conditions after flood waters have receded.

Cadets and seniors have marched in local parades and both have been certified in basic first-aid and CPR among many other things.

Another important training activity for cadets includes flights and ground school. Once a cadet 16 years of age or older becomes proficient with understanding the operation of a small plane, he or she can be taken up and given the chance to handle the controls for a short while.

First Lyons cadets and seniors have flown over Lake Michigan and the Chicago land area in Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopters hangared in the building where the squadron meets.

First Lyons Squadron originally developed in the western suburbs but moved to Midway in 1997 when available space became limited. For more information about 1st Lyons Squadron, membership or activities, call Captain Robert Waichunas at (773) 434-9715.

Clearing squadron hosts aerospace training

by Rick Techman

A 1st Lyons Squadron cadet, based out of Midway Airport, steps into a replica of N.A.S.A. space suit at a recent squadron meeting. Lieutenant Art Urban, the aerospace instructor for 1st Lyons Squadron, has access to numerous N.A.S.A. training materials which he makes available to the cadets.

LEADERS AT WEST POINT

St. Laurence High School graduates, Raul Cepeda of Stickney, and Joe Martinez of Chicago's Garfield Ridge community, cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, recently had an opportunity to visit with family members during "Parents Weekend." Selected among the nation's top high school students to attend the prestigious school, the new cadets are continuing their educational careers as leaders. Both were honor students at St. Laurence, in addition to being star athletes. Cepeda was named an All-State goalie for the Vikings, while Martinez was All-State in football as the school's running back, placed fourth in the state in wrestling, and also played baseball.

Radogno looks on as Jim Dailey of Anna talks about the unfairness of the Medicaid eligibility system for senior citizens and the disabled. Dailey is holding a prescription costing \$1,500 per month that he takes to fight rejection of his transplanted liver. Dailey said to qualify for Medicaid he can only have \$375 of income each month, 42 percent of the federal poverty level. Radogno is pushing to pass legislation in the fall veto session to raise the Medicaid eligibility level to 100 percent of the poverty level for senior citizens and the disabled, which would be \$687 a month for a single person household.

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Palos Hills meeting

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills meeting of December 2nd, Alderman Joel Tomas reported that the contractor will finish striping 103rd Street and have it open for traffic on December 3rd. The section between Keene Ave. and 88th Ave. has been completed with the final lift and striping and they are now working on parkway restorations.

The section between 88th Ave. and Roberts Road has been the base course and binder has been installed and will receive the final lift in the spring. The contractor is attempting to get in as much sidewalk as he can before the weather gets cold. Sidewalk has been constructed on both sides of 103rd street between 88th ave. and 86th ave. and he will attempt to get sidewalks on 88th ave. between 103rd street and the parking lot at the Oak Ridge school before the season ends.

They are now working on getting the base asphalt courses on the driveways for the homes and businesses facing 103rd street. They anticipate working through

the winter on the installation of street light and come spring will place the final asphalt lift on 103rd street, the driveway aprons, and complete the final striping. Parkway restoration will then take place with three to be planted in the fall.

In preparation for the winter snows, the street sweeper has been throughout the town. The snow and ice equipment has been winterized, the plows and salt spreaders greased and ready for installation and 50 tons of salt are in the salt bin.

Tomas went on to report a motor fuel tax resolution to cover 30% of the proposed cost of the Federal monies which will be paying for the installation of 22 vehicle priority systems to be installed at various intersections. They will provide a flashing light atop stoplights to alert motorists that emergency vehicles are entering an intersection.

The grant was for \$83,000 and was obtained with the assistance of State Representative Anne Zickus.

The council announced that the construction of the community center is expected to begin December 13th and be completed sometime in July. Two wings one for children and the other for seniors will be added to the existing center.

Activities normally held at

the center will be at different locations throughout the city during construction. Contact Parks and Recreation at 430-4500 for more details.

Darlene Mier of the Planning Commission reported that the Aetna Development Corporation (Walgreens) proposed an alternate to their original plan. According to the review by the Building Commissioner, Mayor Bennett's office, and the City Attorney, they do not meet the zoning codes of the city of Palos Hills. They are asking for a square footage that requires approximately 81 parking spaces and they are still only showing 71.

The Community Resource department and Mayor Bennett invite everyone to come to City Hall on Dec. 9th 7 pm for the Christmas Tree Lighting celebration. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there and it will be fun for everyone.

Charles Dickens Slide Presentation

The Palos-Orland Business and Professional Women's Club cordially invites all women to attend its Holiday Party and Meeting on Tuesday, December 14th at Mama Vesuvio East, 6861 College Drive, Palos Heights, IL at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) with a 7:30 p.m. presentation. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Meet Linda Putnam of London Talks and Tours when she presents "Dickens and the City of London", a slide presentation that will take you to that fog enshrouded city. Ms. Putnam's presentation traces some of the most important areas of London in Dickens' life and work. It will explore the nooks and crannies of the city, from its bleak alleys and gin parlors to its more famous, and decidedly more glamorous sites. A Dickens scholar since 1980, Linda Putnam captures the mood and the feeling of the time



Primary center class model

Deanna Scott, Amy Smith, Zachary Baker and Christopher Brennan, all kindergartners in Marchia McGerty's class at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, model their macaroni necklaces and Native American head bands that they made while learning about the first Thanksgiving during the third week in November.

and the city in her dynamic program. Come and be transported to the London that Charles Dickens captured so well on paper.

Reservations for dinner can be made by calling Miriam Wallace at 708/598-6866; for membership information call Carole Valentino at 708/974-1102.

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Call (708) 226-0555 for class dates and times.



COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

Pictured from the left is Ed McElroy, host of the TV show "Community In Focus" interviewing Worth

Mayor Jim Bilder and wife, Bernie.

The program is 1/2 hour on Channel 43, featuring various people from government and other news-makers from the Cook County area.

Park police may have new quarters

by Carlene E. O'Connor

Officials of Palos Heights and Palos Park are now discussing an agreement to allow Palos Park Police to house Palos Heights police station while Palos Park's new complex is being constructed.

Construction on Palos Heights's new police station is set to be completed by April and will make available the existing station at city hall 7607 W. College Drive. Presently Palos Park Police's house are abandoned trailers at 12301 So. 90th Ave. They would have to move in order for construction of their new development.

It's a question of money and Palos Heights is expected to receive about \$3700 a month rent from Palos Park for the sight. With the sight being on the Palos Heights/Palos Park border, service is expected to remain the same.

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Residential permit parking passes

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees approved a recommendation by the Traffic Review Committee to post "Residential Permit Parking Only" signs on the streets surrounding the Lighthouse Church, 9841 S. 55th Ave.

The Traffic Review Committee made its "unanimous" decision following what was described by Village Engineer Lynn Krauss as a "short discussion" of the matter.

Reasons cited for the decision were the church members "caused problems with the residents in the area by blocking driveways, streets and crosswalks."

Mr. Krauss made no mention in his memo to the Board of Trustees that the Village currently has ordinances on the books that prohibit the unlawful parking practices described, and could be enforced in a manner similar to the "residential" restrictions he recommended.

The Rev. Dan Willis of the Lighthouse Church gave a different explanation for the "residential" restriction, stating his congregation has minority members that have been subjected to racial epithets by residents.

Rev. Willis appeared before the Board and explained he was not properly notified of the proposed changes. He further expressed consternation by adding he initially learned of the situation after reading newspaper reports that labeled him as "uncooperative."

A lifelong resident of Oak Lawn and Pastor of the church for 22 years, Rev. Willis acknowledged his congregation had over the years surpassed the practical capacity of the church parking lot. After dismissing

a suggestion to "shuttle" church members from remote lots as "not logical," Willis encouraged police ticketing of those who violated the existing parking ordinances.

When Willis suggested residents could "reserve" preferred areas by simply parking vehicles in the desired spot, an angry resident responded he refused to be "held hostage all day." Another resident complained of "noise disturbances" and that the area had become "a make out place."

Seeking a compromise, Trustee Rosenbaum urged Rev. Willis to encourage his congregation to utilize the Village-owned municipal lot located approximately one block away. Trustee Wm. Keane was the lone dissenter to the proposal. He suggested a schedule of the church services should be provided to the police department and tickets or towing could then be utilized to discourage illegal parking. Keane explained, "We don't need another private parking lot."

In an unrelated matter, Mr. Sean Costello appeared before the Board to appeal a decision that granted a code variance to his next door neighbor.

Costello stated the neighbor installed an air-conditioning unit in violation of existing building codes. The device was installed between the two properties instead of in the back yard, as required.

The homeowner claimed to be unaware of the specific restriction, noting construction of a privacy fence was planned.

"What good are codes if you are not going to enforce them," Costello intoned. "My tenants will

move out because of the noisy air conditioner next door."

Trustee Jerry Hurckes stated the code is outdated, and explained current air conditioning units are significantly quieter than those built in 1976 when the code was adopted.

Trustee Ron Stancik once again criticized Commonwealth Edison for reoccurring power outages in the 10000 blocks of Karlov and Komensky. A representative from the utility was present and assured the Board regular meetings to address community concerns would be scheduled.

Trustee Joy inquired about the status of Oakdale lighting and was informed "the wrong power" was at the root of the problem and would soon be corrected.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes presented certificates to a group of local teens who provided leave raking for seniors as part of a community service program.

The Village Hall will be closed Friday, December 24th, Monday, December 27th, Friday December 31st and Monday, January 3rd.

The December 28th Board of Trustees meeting has been canceled.



St. Paul Faith in Action Food Pantry

Norman and Gladys Knop help with the food pantry by purchasing the food, storing it and distributing the food to those in need. Not pictured is also a dedicated volunteer, Carolyn Steger. New hours for the year 2000 are Wednesday's, only, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Parents Communicating Hope Support Group A free support group for indi-

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Oak Lawn BPW Spreads Holiday Cheer

Oak Lawn, Illinois, December 8, 1999 - The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women (BPW) supplied a "sleighful" of gifts for the physically and emotionally abused women and children who will spend their holidays at the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. The gifts were gathered at the club's regular meeting on December 1.

(Pictured left to right) Cathryn Jana, BPW president; Patricia J. Bryant, executive director of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia; Gaile Sprissler and Linda Olsen, BPW members.

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women's Club meets once a month on the first - Wednesday of the month for dinner and a business meeting at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero. For reservations, call Kay Grencevich, 708-636-8508, after 4 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women (BPW) offer opportunities in networking, sharing ideas, enhancing skills and building friendships among women interested in achieving equity in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. Affiliated with the national and Illinois federations of Business and Professional Women.

For additional information, call Cathryn Jana, president, 708-636-4147.



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Cook County Sheriff's Office Director James Sherlock (right) and Palos Hills Police Sergeant Steve Good (left) congratulate Oak Lawn resident Violet Schmidt (second from left) and Palos Hills resident Joan Russell (second from right) as the ladies proudly display their Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy Certificates of Completion. The seniors were among 35 graduates honored last month, after attending the eight-session program sponsored by the Timbers in Palos Condominium Association. Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan initiated the Academy to give participants a better understanding of the responsibilities of law enforcement officials as well as advice on personal safety and crime prevention. For more information on the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy, please call 773-869-7725.

ILLINOIS EPA REPORT: LANDFILL CAPACITY CONTINUES TO INCREASE SPRINGFIELD, ILL.-

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's latest "Non-hazardous Waste Management and Landfill Capacity in Illinois" report shows an all-time high remaining landfill capacity in Illinois.

Statewide landfill capacity increased to 749.3 million cubic yards as of Jan. 1, 1999. New landfills and expansions during 1998 added a potential 147.1 million cubic yards capacity last year, of which 118.6 million was attributable to seven new landfills and 28.5 million cubic yards to expansions at four existing landfills.

During 1998, Illinois landfills reported receiving 44.8 million cubic yards of waste, about 10 percent more than in 1997, but still less than the 46.1 million cubic yards accepted during 1996.

"The latest report shows a continuation of the same trend as in recent years—overall available landfill capacity continues to increase and we estimate it is sufficient to handle the state's requirements for landfill disposal of solid waste for the next 17 years," said Illinois EPA Director Tom

Skinner.

However, Director Skinner noted the report also shows that availability of landfill capacity varies substantially throughout the state. The Chicago metropolitan area, for example, with about 66 percent of the state's population, has only 6.8 years of remaining capacity at current usage rates.

The region's landfills in 1998 received 16 million cubic yards of waste in 1998 but two of the highest volume facilities closed in October 1998 and March 1999 respectively.

In contrast, the Northwestern Illinois and Peoria/Quad Cities regions, for example, each have an estimated 38.5 years of landfill capacity remaining at current usage rates, the report says.

Director Skinner noted one of the reasons for the expansion of landfill space is the continued positive recycling trend. The amount of municipal waste recycled jumped another 6 percent in 1998, and the overall percentage of recycled solid waste statewide was estimated at 28 percent for 1998.

"This increase in recycling is a tribute to the hard work of our citizens, as well as increased awareness of the value of recycling created by local solid waste agencies, counties and municipalities."

The new report shows that five landfills accounted for 41 percent of the total waste accepted during 1998. The biggest one, Livingston Landfill near Pontiac, alone accepted more than 5.3 million cubic yards in 1998.

The report includes detailed information on landfills and solid waste management for each permitted facility and by region.

This 12th annual report may be requested from Illinois EPA Bureau of Land, Solid Waste Management Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Ill. 62794-9276, or by calling Ellen Gambach at 217-785-8604.

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Kaminsky - Brodsky

Maria Kaminsky and Paul Brodsky, both of Chicago, are planning a May wedding.

Kaminsky is the daughter of Alan and Renee Kaminsky of Flossmoor. She received a bachelor's degree from Bradley University and is a recruiter with Excel Personnel Services Corporation of Chicago.

Brodsky is the son of Bob and Anna-Marie Brodsky of Evergreen Park. He received a master of business administration from the University of Illinois at Champaign - Urbana. He is the corporate treasurer with J.J. Brodsky & Sons, Inc. of Chicago.



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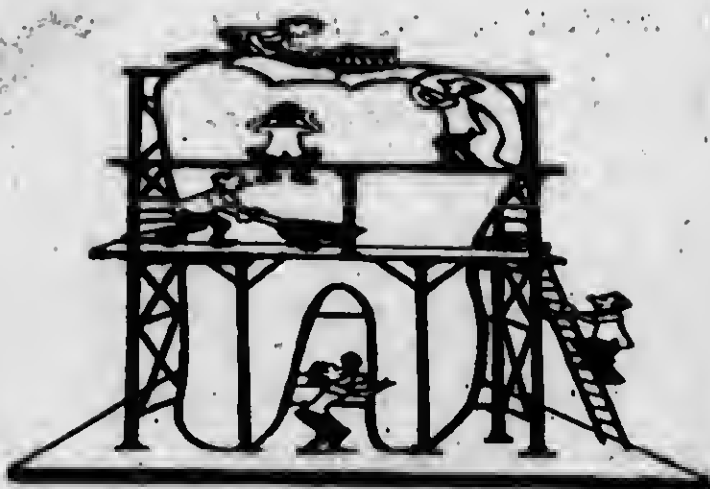
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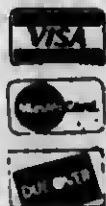
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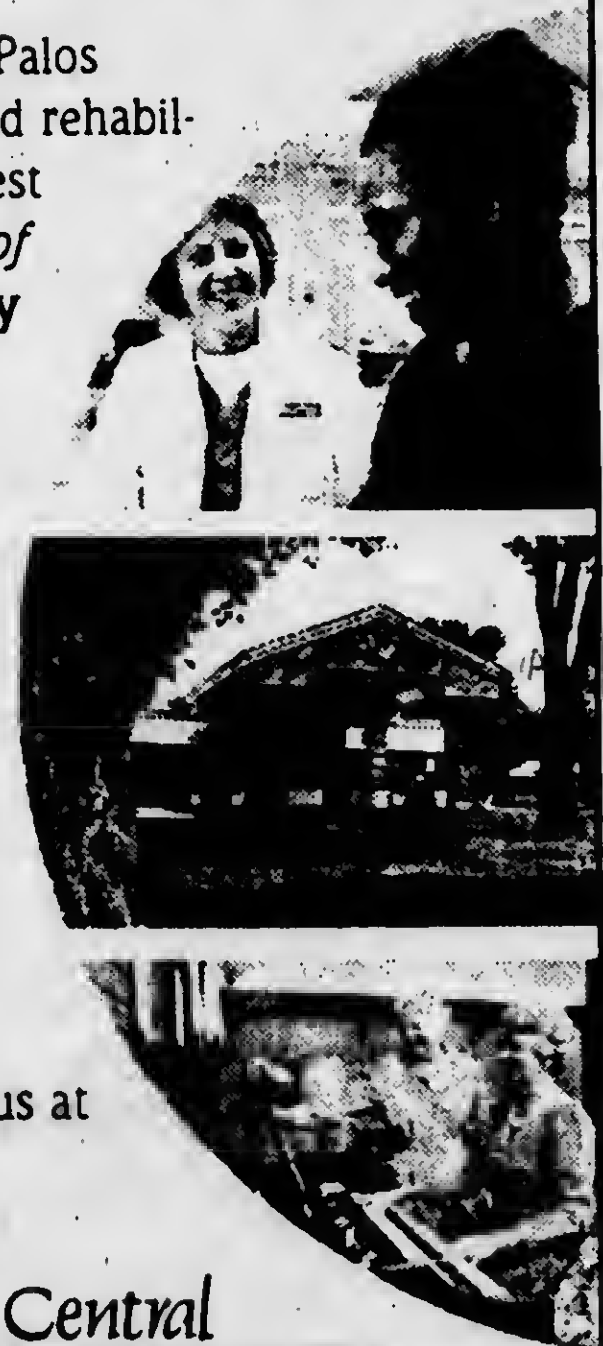


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OpenTable.com's breakthrough service enables diners to search for availability by cuisine type or neighborhood, get instant confirmation, relay special instructions to the restaurant and view maps online. The service is free to diners, and reservations made online are instantly confirmed.

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tions are booked directly into OpenTable.com's proprietary electronic reservation book (ERB). The ERB is connected to the Internet via Virtual Private Network, which enables real-time, guaranteed reservations for diners - and new reservation management capabilities and unique marketing solutions for restaurants.

"The OpenTable.com system harnesses the power of the Internet for restaurants," said Michael Waugh, general manager at Vong, which was one of the first restaurants in Chicago to join the OpenTable.com network. "We are especially pleased with the capability to recognize all of our repeat customers, know how often they dine in the restaurant and cater to their individual preferences. We're in the business of hospitality, and OpenTable.com offers us a way to truly enhance the diner experience."

"We are pleased with the welcome we've received from Chicago diners and restaurants, who appreciate

the benefits of OpenTable.com," said Chuck Templeton, the company's founder and chief executive officer. "Our system is designed to make the reservation process easier for diners by enabling them to search a number of restaurants for availability within seconds. At the same time, it enables restaurants to create stronger customer relationships through personalized service."

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Founded in 1998 by Chuck Templeton, OpenTable.com has partnered with restaurants from Ark Restaurants, the Lark Creek Group, the Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant Group, Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc.; and the Real Restaurant Group. The company's board of directors is made up of leaders in the technology and restaurant industries including Keith Cox of World Wrapps, Michael Dellar of the Lark Creek Restaurant Group, Thomas Layton of

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MILITARY NEWS

November 24, 1999 (FHTNC)—Marine Pvt. Brian Bilski, son of Edward C. and Kathleen Bilski of 6502 W. 83rd Place, Burbank Ill., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Bilski successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Bilski and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning programs Bilski spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Bilski and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor courage and commitments and what the

words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Bilski and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Bilski joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1999 graduate of St. Laurence High School. November 23, 1999 (FHTNC)—Navy Seaman Recruit Erick L. Jarmon, a 1999 graduate of Dunbar Vocational High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week programs Jarmon completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval custom, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An

emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Jarmon and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Jarmon joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Jarmon and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Jarmon are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training.

November 22, 1999 (FHTNC)—Navy Midshipman Kevin D. Dalton, son of David and Maurleen T. Dalton of 8753 S. Mozart, Evergreen Park, Ill., recently completed six weeks of U.S. Naval Academy Indoctrination (Plebe Summer) Annapolis, Md.

This demanding, fast-paced orientation begins four years of preparation for commissioning as naval or Marine Corps officers. During Plebe Summer, Dalton learned basic skills in seamanship, navigation, infantry drill, sailing and marksmanship. Dalton also learned the Brigad of Midshipmen's Honor Concept.

He is a 1999 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago.

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On Friday, Jan. 7, Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue, Palos Heights, will give you an opportunity to donate blood at its community Blood Drive from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Conference Rooms E1 & E2.

McAuley Inducts Quill & Scroll Journalist

Fifteen junior and senior staff members of McAuley's newspaper and yearbook were recently inducted into membership of *Quill and Scroll*, the international honor society for high school, journalists. They include yearbook staff: Mary Alice Berg and Katie Cotter (Chgo.-Beverly), Amy Giermak, (Oai Lawn) Sara Gruzlewski (Chgo.-West Lawn), Anne Hellmer (Oak Lawn), Erin Headtk (Palos Hills), and Megan Lomonof (Oak Lawn); *Inscape* newspaper staff, Bonnie Bernat and Meaghan Doyle (Chgo.-Clearing), Margaret Hood (Chgo.-Ashburn), Joanna Krynski (Orland Park), Megan Mlinarcik (Chgo. Ridge), Colette Richert (Chgo, Beverly), Lauren Todd (Orland Park); and Tara Prendergast (Chgo.-Beverly) is a staff member of McAuley's literary magazine, *Equinox*.

The student journalists were chosen for membership in the honor society for outstanding contributions to their publications, rank in the upper third off their class and

recommendation by their advisor.

After the induction, McAuley alumna Anne McCarthy spoke to the students, parents and faculty members about her career as Editor at WMAQ Radio. Ms. McCarthy attributes her success to the good writing skills she learned while a student at McAuley as well as "a sense of compassion and justice in my writing."

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I grew up believing that Christmas was a time when strange and wonderful things happened, when wise and royal visitors came riding, when at midnight the barnyard animals talked to one another, and in the light of a fabulous star God came down to us as a little child. Christmas to me has always been a time of enchantment, and never more so than the year that my son Marty was eight.

That was the year that my children and I moved into a cozy trailer home in a forested area just outside of Redmond, Washington. As the holiday approached, our spirits were light, not to be dampened even by the winter rains that swept down Puget Sound to douse our home and make our floors muddy.

Throughout that December, Marty had been the most spirited, and busiest, of us all. He was my youngest; a cheerful boy, blond-haired and playful, with a quaint habit of looking up at you and cocking his head like a puppy when you talked to him. Actually, the reason for this was that Marty was deaf in his left ear, but his was a condition that he never

complained about.

For weeks, I had been watching Marty. I knew that something was going on with him that he was not telling me about. I saw how eagerly he made his bed, took out the trash, and carefully set the table and helped Rick and Pam prepare dinner before I got home from work. I saw how he silently collected his tiny allowance and tucked it away, spending not a cent of it. I had no idea what all this quiet activity was about, but I suspected it had something to do with Kenny.

Kenny was Marty's friend, and ever since they had found each other in the springtime, they were seldom apart. If you called to one, you got them both. Their world was in the meadow, a horse pasture broken by a small winding stream, where the boys caught frogs and snakes, where they would search for arrowheads or hidden treasure, or where they would spend an afternoon feeding peanuts to the squirrels.

Times were hard for our little family, and we had to do some scrimping to get by. With my job as a meat wrapper and with a lot of ingenu-

ity around the trailer, we managed to have elegance on a shoestring. But not Kenny's family. They were desperately poor, and his mother was having a real struggle to feed and clothe her two children. They were a good, solid family. But Kenny's mom was a proud woman, very proud, and she had strict rules.

How we worked, as we did each year, to make our home festive for the holiday! Ours was a handcrafted Christmas of gifts hidden away and ornaments strung about the place.

Marty and Kenny would sometimes sit still at the table long enough to help make cornucopias or weave little baskets for the tree. But then, in a flash, one would whisper to the other, and they would be out the door and sliding cautiously under the electric fence into the horse pasture that separated our home from Kenny's.

One night shortly before Christmas, when my hands were deep in Peppernoder dough, shaping tiny nutlike Danish cookies heavily spiced with cinnamon, Marty came to me and said in a tone mixed with pleasure and pride, "Mom, I've

bought Kenny a Christmas present. Want to see it?" So that's what he's been up to, I said to myself. "It's something he's wanted for a long, long time, Mom."

After carefully wiping his hands on a dish towel, he pulled from his pocket a small box. Lifting the lid, I gazed at the pocket compass that my son had been saving all those allowances to buy. A little compass to point an eight-year-old adventurer through the woods.

"It's a lovely gift, Martin," I said, but even as I spoke, a disturbing thought came to mind. I knew how Kenny's mother felt about their poverty. They could barely afford to exchange gifts among themselves, and giving presents to others was out of the question. I was sure that Kenny's proud mother would not permit her son to receive something he could not return in kind.

Gently, carefully, I talked over the problem with Marty. He understood what I was saying.

"I know, Mom, I know! ... But what if it was a secret? What if they never found out who gave it?"

I didn't know how to answer him. I just didn't

know.

The day before Christmas was rainy and cold and gray. The three kids and I all but fell over one another as we elbowed our way about our little home, putting finishing touches on Christmas secrets and preparing for family and friends who would be dropping by.

Night settled in. The rain continued. I looked out the window over the sink and felt an odd sadness. How mundane the rain seemed for a Christmas Eve! Would royal men come riding on such a night? I doubted it. It seemed to me that strange and wonderful things happened only on clear nights, nights when one could at least see a star in the heavens.

I turned from the window, and as I checked on the ham and lefse bread warming in the oven, I saw Marty slip out the door. He wore his coat over his pajamas, and he clutched a tiny, colorfully wrapped box in his hand.

Down through the soggy pasture he went, then a quick slide under the electric fence and across the yard to Kenny's house. Up the steps on tiptoe, shoes squishing; open the screen door just a

crack; place the gift on the doorstep, then a deep breath, a reach for the doorbell, and a press on it hard.

Quickly Marty turned, ran down the steps and across the yard in a wild race to get away unnoticed. Then, suddenly, he banged into the electric fence.

The shock sent him reeling. He lay stunned on the wet ground. His body quivered and he gasped for breath. Then slowly, weakly, confused and frightened, he began the grueling trip back home.

"Marty" we cried as he stumbled through the door, "what happened?" His lower lip quivered, his eyes brimmed.

"I forgot about the fence, and it knocked me down!"

I hugged his muddy little body to me. He was still dazed and there was a red mark beginning to blister on his face from his mouth to his ear. Quickly, I treated the blister and, with a warm cup of cocoa soothing him, Marty's bright spirits returned. I tucked him into bed and just before he fell asleep, he looked up at me and said, "Mom, Kenny didn't see me. I'm sure he didn't see me."

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Exchange of gifts continued from page 8

That Christmas Eve I went to bed unhappy and puzzled. It seemed such a cruel thing to happen to a little boy while on the purest kind of Christmas mission, doing what the Lord wants us all to do—giving to others—and giving in secret at that. I did not sleep well that night. Somewhere deep inside I think I must have been feeling the disappointment that the night of Christmas had come and it had been just an ordinary, problem-filled night, no mysterious enchantment at all.

But I was wrong. By morning the rain had stopped and the sun shone. The streak on Marty's face was very red, but I could tell that the burn was not serious. We opened our presents, and soon, not unexpectedly, Kenny was knocking on the door eager to show Marty his new compass and tell about the mystery of the arrival. It was plain that Kenny didn't suspect Marty at all, and while the two of them talked, Marty just smiled and smiled.

Then I noticed that while the boys were comparing their Christmases, nodding and gesturing and chattering away, Marty was not cocking his head. When Kenny was talking, Marty

seemed to be listening with his deaf ear. Weeks later a report came from the school nurse, verifying what Marty and I already knew. "Marty now has complete hearing in both ears."

The mystery of how Marty regained his hearing, and still has it, remains just that—a mystery. Doctors suspect, of course, that the shock from the electric fence was somehow responsible. Perhaps so. Whatever the reason, I just remain thankful to God for the good exchange of gifts that was made that night.

So you see, strange and wonderful things still happen on the night of our Lord's birth. And one does not have to have a clear night, either to follow a fabulous star.

—Diane Rayner

Editor's Note: An *Exchange of Gifts* is just one of the four complimentary *Chicken Soup for the Soul* stories available at www.chickensoup.com.

McAuley Student Recognized for Excellence in Writing

Audra V. Adomenas (Oak Lawn), a senior at Mother McAuley High School has been recognized as a winner in the 42nd Annual Achievement Awards in Writing. Audra is one of 709 high school senior students honored in November as outstanding writers by the National Council of Teachers.

The 1999 NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing recognizes writing excellence based on the students' samples of their best prose or verse, and on impromptu themes that are written under supervision. In Audra's impromptu piece, she used persuasive technique in her writing about effective teen advertising. The Lithuanian Freedom March, which took place in Chicago in 1991, was the topic for her essay.

The award recipients this year were among nearly 3,000 students from 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and American schools abroad who participated in the program, which is administered each spring during the students' junior year of high school. The NCTE strives to reaffirm its

commitment to help students achieve at high levels in reading, writing, and all of the language arts. The Achievement Awards program is one of their efforts to foster the development of Excellence in Writing: students with the confidence and competence to participate successfully as citizens in the 21st century. This program gives evidence that many students are developing the critical thinking and expressive abilities that will serve them well as individuals, as community members, and as members of the work force.

Ms. Adomenas and Mother McAuley High School received certificates recognizing her accomplishment. Audra's name is also published in a booklet titled "High School Seniors Recommended for College Scholarships in 2000" that is sent to directors of admissions at 3,000 two- and four-year colleges and universities, to members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, to state supervisors of English, and to NCTE leaders.

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On Saturday, December 4, 1999, the Marist Varsity Academic Team competed in the Richards Invitational. Playing in the Scholastic Division, the team notched morning victories over Porta, Richards (C), and Joliet Catholic. In the afternoon playoff rounds, Marist beat Oak Forest in the Quarter Finals. Winning over St. Ignatius in the Semi-Finals put the Marist squad in the championship against Fenwick. Overcoming Fenwick by a

score of 218 - 122, the RedHawks captured their first major tournament win of the year. The team members are Mike Januszyk (Chicago 60655), Rob Schmitt (Chicago 60655), Matt Marjan (Oak Lawn), Chetan Kumar (Palos Heights), Jason Nowaczyk (Oak Lawn), and MVP's Mike Najewski (Orland Park), and Tim Fiscella (Oak Lawn). Mathematics instructor Jeff Nicholson and English instructor Mike Leahy coach the RedHawks.

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Rozanne's Original Steps

For 40 years Overeaters Anonymous has survived food plans, limitations on membership, and changes to the 12 steps as it continues to provide free help to people with eating disorders.

"We shared a problem, we identified with one another, and we hoped for a solution," says co-founder Rozanne S. in *Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*, a book about the group's history.

She and two other overweight women from the Los Angeles area decided to meet in one's kitchen on January 12, 1960, and to begin supporting each other as they battled the bulge. At first they and their followers were merely "staying out of the refrigerator and losing weight," she says.

Members today stress that OA is not a diet club and has no specific food plan. However, in the past some tackled the physical side of their disorder by breaking factions that adhered to different food plans — 3-0-1, the gray sheet, the orange sheet, and several others. The 3-0-1 ers believed that eating three moderate meals daily

with nothing in between would solve their problem of "non-stop nibbling." The gray sheeters followed a low-carbohydrate food plan, avoiding white sugar and white flour, while the orange sheeters based their meals on the basic four food groups — proteins, vegetables, fruits, and carbohydrates. Until recently a special group of OA members, H.O.W.s, required strict adherence to their food plan even though Overeaters Anonymous officially dropped all food plans in 1987. The H.O.W.s who refused to drop that requirement pulled out in 1999.

At first only women could join, but in July 1962, opposition to men ended when a male revealed that the Gluttons Anonymous groups he'd begun in Texas wanted to unite with OA. By August the two organizations merged. The following year in May, the delegates voted to word the only requirement for membership as "a desire to stop eating compulsively." That opened membership to anyone with an eating disorder, including

undereaters.

"We earliest OA members had been atheists, agnostics, and skeptics who strongly believed in the psychological basis for compulsive overeating," explains Rozanne.

Since she initially denied her powerlessness and need to surrender, Rozanne took God out of AA's 12 Steps and focused on doctors and diets. (See sidebar 1) However, some new recruits more familiar with Alcoholics Anonymous argued that compulsive overeating had a spiritual side. They wanted God back in the Steps. In late 1961 Rozanne joined them.

"My know-it-all attitude was both my undoing and the touchstone for my spiritual rebirth," recalls Rozanne. After three days of being the target of consistent criticism, she slammed down the phone sobbing and threw herself on the floor, saying "Okay, God, If you want me, you've got me."

Since Gluttons Anonymous already based recovery on the practice of AA's 12 Steps, its members aligned themselves with those advo-

cating spirituality. The final compromise acknowledged that compulsive overeating had three sides — physical, emotional (or psychological) and spiritual — like other addictions. At the first national conference in August 1962, the delegates voted to unify themselves by following AA's

Steps and Traditions, not Rozanne's original modifications. (See the sidebars.)

Members of OA clarify for newcomers that spiritual does not have to mean affiliation to any specific religion. In fact, for the early members spirituality initially meant the spirit of the group. But for some like Rozanne, the spiritual aspect changes as they change. But then so do the physical and emotional aspects.

OA has 7,896 groups worldwide, 230 in Chicagoland, and 33 on the south side, including its suburbs. The weekly meetings, which last from 1-2 hours, are only one of the tools; some others are writing, using the telephone, getting a sponsor, reading the literature, giving service, and remaining anonymous.

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3. We admit that we need help — that a Power greater than ourselves can restore us to a normal way of thinking and living.

4. We must make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5. We have admitted to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our difficulties.

6. We are entirely ready to have these defects of character removed.

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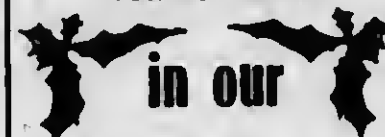
9. We shall continue to take personal inventory, and when we are wrong, promptly admit it.

10. We shall set up a regular pattern of eating for ourselves, and this we pray we may maintain for the rest of our lives.

11. We must seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will and the strength to carry that out.

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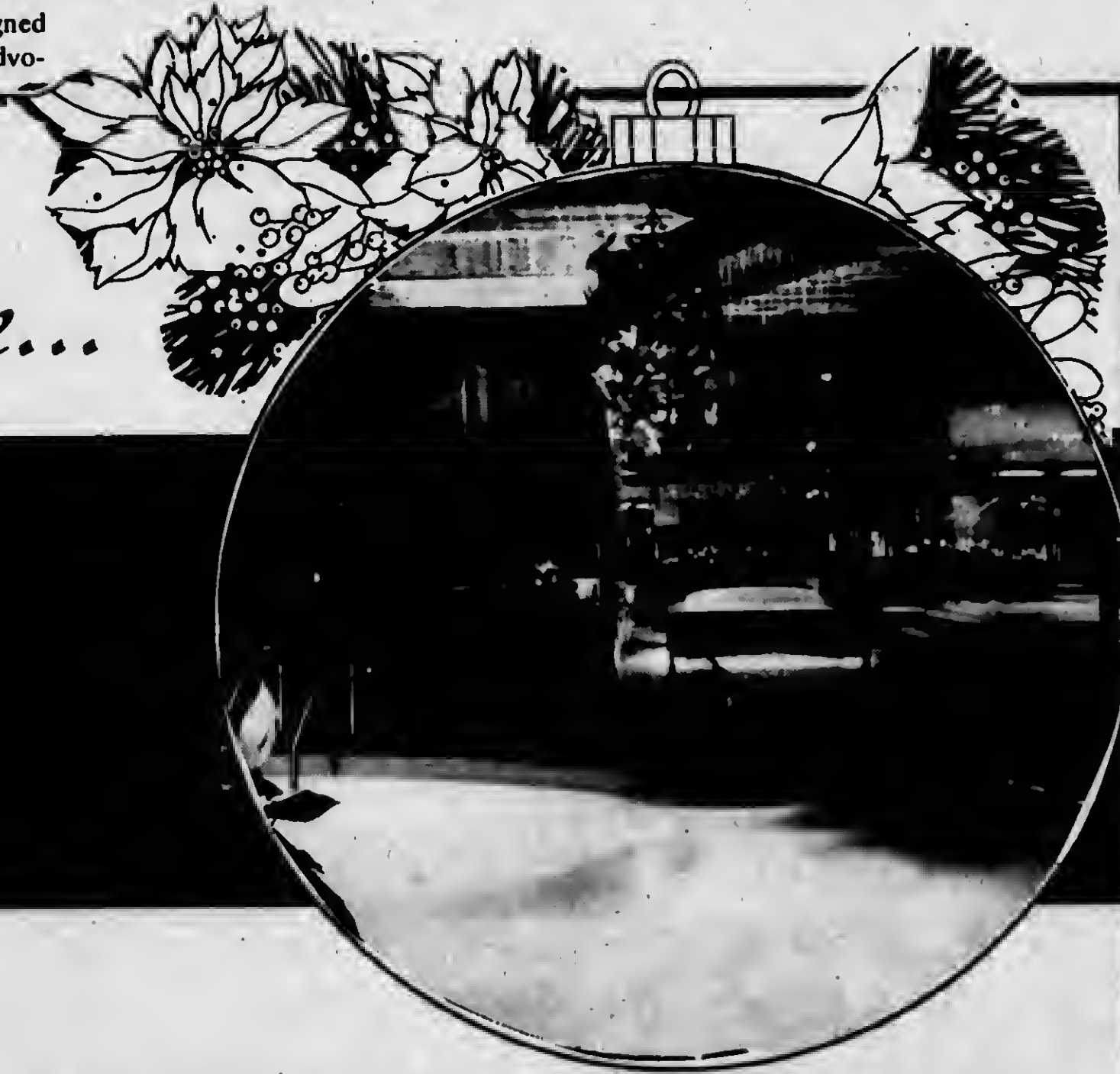
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The Toys For Tots campaign finds Santa's helpers trading sleighs for motorcycles as a parade of Motorcycles and rumbling metal join forces, for the good cause of delivering toys to good little girls and boys.

Santa's helpers can be found in the hallways of high-schools as teen-agers tune into their compassion-

ate sides by collecting gifts and packaging the treasures to distribute to needy children. Not to be left out of this giving time of year, even young grammar school students share. Santa's sentiments by choosing neat and like new gifts from their own toy boxes so that another child may enjoy the thrill of having toys to play with. For most children a visit from Santa is as certain as breakfast in the morning and a warm, comfortable bed to sleep in at night. But, not so for every child. And that's why the good deeds of these dedicated Santa's helpers, who are so willing to please, all speak the same language of hope that's fueled by a labor of love.

Through out our community, "giving trees" are available to give anyone interested in "being a secret Santa" the opportunity to shop for someone they will never meet. Each ornament that decorates this special tree holds a name and a request for a wished for item, that only the kindness of an

anonymous stranger can fill. These humble trees stand proudly decked out with the gentle reminder that our generosity can help keep the flame of humanity burning brightly. The hope is that as Christmas Eve draws near, the branches will be bare of names while the presents plied high beneath the tree will tell the tale that the spirit of Christmas is alive and well, surrounding us all with holiday magic. The next few weeks we'll find ourselves becoming a part of the hustle and bustle of "shopping till we drop."

But this year as we make out our Christmas list and check them twice, may we also find the time to somehow open our hearts. Anyone can be Santa's helper- no contribution is too small to benefit someone in need. There are countless little children out there who believe with wide-eyed wonder that there is a Santa Claus. What they may be too young to realize is that Jolly Old St. Nick can't do it alone. He needs the kindness

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The event was the 16th Annual Special Olympics, held at Moraine Valley, that draws athletes with physical disabilities from South Cook County and Will County.

Many of the 120 athletes could not talk, walk, or control their arms and legs. This is just the environment that student Yvette Turcott of Frankfort, for example, wants to be in. Turcott is working on an Associate's Degree in therapeutic recreation. She chose Moraine Valley Community College because, unlike career programs elsewhere, Moraine Valley offers opportunities for students to work with the disabled population face to face.

I am very happy that I have found my niche," Turcott said as she stood on the sidelines of the wheelchair event cheering on the athletes. "This is a very unique opportunity we have here at Moraine Valley."

The therapeutic recreation program is designed to give

students people skills as well as the very important classroom work as preparation for a career in therapeutic recreation, explains Assistant Professor Donna McCauley. She said that not everything can be learned in the classroom, and students benefit from planning and taking part in events like the Special Olympics.

Of all the community colleges and facilities in the South Cook County region, the Special Olympics of Illinois continues to select Moraine Valley to hold the annual motor activity program. For the three-hour event, the gymnasium at Moraine Valley is transformed into a mini-Olympic course.

"Moraine Valley creates an atmosphere that is very positive for us," said Kevin O'Brien, area director for the South Cook/Will County Special Olympics. "The facility works out perfectly."

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

JANUARY CALENDAR

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Letters to the Editor

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The Governor's Office of Ethnic Affairs has been sending recent news releases and photographs to you I hope the information has been informative and helpful.

I appreciate the time and effort you take to print the material in your publication. I know you have a busy work schedule but I would appreciate it if you could send me a copy of the article.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 312- 814-5954. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Pat Michalski
Assistant to the Governor for Ethnic Affairs
CHICAGO, ILL
Governor George H. Ryan sponsored a United Nations Day program in honor of the International Year of Older Persons 1999. The program included speakers from Illinois Department on Aging and United Nations Association. Over 200 people participated in the parade in international costumes representing more than 30 nations. The event took place at the James R. Thompson Center with over 1,000 in attendance.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT -

First row: Mohammad Alam Ghais, Onar Chahill, Hassan Javed, Abrar Khan, Maria Khan, Sarwat Khan, Zarina Majid, Ashhad Mohammad, Mohammad Moten, (Pakistan).
Second row: Monroe Anderson, Director of Community Affairs, CBS Channel 2 Chicago, Margo Schreiber, Director Illinois Department on Aging and Illinois United Nation Chairperson, Jaffery Syed, Musna Zaida, (Pakistani) Diana Tsoukala, (Greek) and Pat Michalski, Assistant to the Governor for Ethnic Affairs.

PEACE ATHLETES REAP REWARDS

(Burbank) Queen of Peace High School recently celebrated the end of a successful fall season and awarded individual achievement.

Pictured are (front) Melissa Vandrey (85th Keating) - Volleyball Most Valuable Athlete; Jessica Sulkowski (85th Kedvale) - Volleyball Leadership; (row 2) Nicki Sullivan (Oak Lawn) - Frosh Volleyball Leadership; Jessica Tuchowski (Burbank) - Sophomore

Volleyball Leadership; Jacklyn Hernandez - J.V. Tennis Leadership; Delilah DiCrescenzo (7000 W. 64th Place) - Cross Country Most Valuable and Scholar Athlete; Vicky Gonzalez (6000 S. Fairfield) - Cross Country Leadership - (row 3) Megan McShane (81st and Kildare) - Cross Country Leadership; Peggy Keiner (Oak Lawn) - Tennis Leadership; Lisa Hennigan (Oak Lawn) - Volleyball Most Improved Athlete;

Lynn Diaz (Oak Lawn) - Tennis Most Valuable Athlete; Johanna Maloney (Evergreen Park) - Cross Country Most Improved Athlete, and not pictured Michelle Zilligen (8300 /79th Court) - Tennis Most Improved.



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Daley Teacher Offers Teasers for Readers

November 23, 1999.... Beverly resident Dr. Jack O'Keefe is author of a new college textbook, *Invitations to Reading & Writing*, just published by Prentice Hall. A product of his years of teaching at Daley College, the book links reading and writing. O'Keefe says his strategy is to tease students into doing more reading by giving them excellent samples of longer pieces. Reading inspires student writers, and introduces them to new ideas and patterns of thought, which then strengthens their writing. "Students learn only when they get involved in reading and writing," he notes. "My book includes teasers — short pieces of wonderful writing — designed to stir their interest in the whole books." The excerpts he has chosen include those from Maya Angelou's *I Know Why a Caged Bird Sings*, James McBride's *The Color of Water*, Mike Rose's *Lives on the Boundaries*, and William Least Heat Moon's *Blue Highways* and other long works.

Many of the excerpts and essays address overcoming

obstacles of race, of family, of physical limitations, and of elements in ourselves that stand in the way of personal success. Mixed in with short pieces by popular writers like Bob Greene, Mike Royko, Ellen Goodman, and Dave Barry, O'Keefe includes four pieces by Daley College students, two of whom are still at the college completing their degrees. These student essays deal with deeply personal feelings and experiences: two students write about immigration, the third, about how she learned persistence from a fellow student with a physical handicap, and the fourth, a Lithuanian woman, on how she models her life on an aunt she never met.

O'Keefe loves teaching. "To see students succeed, that's my joy" he says. He's experienced a lot of joy recently; Manuel Almazan, one of his students at Daley College, was among twelve in the nation flown to Washington D.C. this fall to present their summer projects at Argonne National Laboratory to the Department of Energy.

Students like Almazan,

who work days and go to school in the evening or on Saturdays are a special pleasure for O'Keefe. "They're highly motivated, and a pleasure to have in the classroom," he notes, "That's why I've set my program up so most of my teaching is on evenings and Saturdays." Dr. O'Keefe's students go on to excellent colleges and universities, including many to St. Xavier. He takes special pride in Lianne Holloway, a 42 year old student who continued into medical school after college.

Invitations to Reading and Writing is O'Keefe's second textbook, and took three years to write. Sections of it were field-tested by O'Keefe and other Daley college faculty including Corinne Allen, Jim Kozicki, and Carlene Hyrams. His first text, *From Reading to Writing*, was published by Harcourt Brace in 1990 and is widely used in colleges across the nation.

Dr. Jack O'Keefe is a Professor of English at Daley College, and has been on the faculty of the City Colleges of Chicago for the past twenty-five years. He holds a Masters degree from the

University of Detroit and a Ph.D. from Loyola University.

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Pictured, from left to right, are Commissioners Terrence J. O'Brien, Gloria Alitto Majewski and Harry "Bus" Yourell.

District's bonds

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recently learned that Moody's Investors Service and Fitch ICBA upgraded the District's outstanding bonds. Pictured left to right are President Terrence J. O'Brien, Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski and Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell.

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, was recently informed that two of the major bond-rating agencies have upgraded the District's outstanding bonds. President O'Brien stated that "the Moody's Investors Service and Fitch ICBA upgraded the bonds based on the District's sound financial budgeting, reporting and management practices".

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



Beat 811 officers gather for December CAPS meeting

by Rick Techman

Almost a dozen officers comprising beat 811 met for the December CAPS meeting at Good Shepherd Church at 5550 South Merrimac. Civilian Beat Facilitator Tom Svoboda joined them at far right. (photo by Rick Techman)

More than 80 CAPS volunteers and almost a dozen police officers came out to the December Beat 811 meeting to take action on graffiti cleanup in the area for the new year.

The meeting, held at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 5550 S. Merrimac, produced a sound plan for law enforcement and Y2K concerns for the Garfield-Ridge community contacted in Beat 811.

CAPS Civilian Beat Facilitator Thomas Svoboda, a church elder, said CAPS Beat 811 contacted all of the newspapers, the U.S. Post office, the City of Chicago and all local major and minor businesses regarding fast and complete graffiti cleanup on any of their boxes or properties in Beat 811.

Svoboda said, "only the Sun-Times refused to continue graffiti blasting on their newspaper stands because of the high cost involved. He added residents are encouraged to petition the Sun-Times for a renewed graffiti blasting program during the new year.

Also at issue during the meeting was the Southwest Neighbors Against Gangs (SNAG) antiloitering ordinance was struck down as unconstitutional, the ordinance has been rewritten. A petition supporting the new ordinance is being circulated.

The new ordinance, calling for community involvement in reporting youth loitering, would allow the police to take action against perceived gang loitering incidences. This petition will be present-

ed to the Mayor for approval next year.

Court Advocacy also became an issue at the meeting with Svoboda and the team of Beat 811 officers encouraging residents to contact Maryann Waltemath at (312) 747-3515 to become an advocate.

The meeting closed with a buffet provided by Jewel Food Store at 6239 W. Archer. Floral centerpieces were provided by Soukal Floral and safety gifts were distributed from Southwest Ace Hardware & Paints at 6908 West Archer.

Civic League enjoys Christmas

by Rick Techman

Both the Garfield-Ridge Civic League and the Clearing Civic League celebrated Christmas in style at local eateries known for their service to the community.

The Garfield-Ridge Civic League held its Christmas party on Sunday, December 12 at a cost of \$11 per person. The Clearing Civic League held its Christmas

party on Tuesday, December 14, also at \$11 per person. Both civic leagues drew good crowds from the community. Garfield-Ridge had about 50 members and guests at the Flamingo Restaurant at 6071 W. Archer. Clearing drew about 75 members and guests at the Heritage Manor Banquet Hall at 5540 S. Narragansett.

Both Christmas parties turned out to be a great suc-

Chicagoans usher in 2000

By Rick Techman

Citizens of Chicago and surrounding areas will be able to usher in the year 2000 with a major downtown extravaganza that can be seen from several sites around town.

The largest lakefront fireworks presentation in Chicago's history will be on display and can be viewed from several locations on New Year's Eve 1999.

Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park is one of several locations where the fireworks display can be seen. Other locations include Lincoln Park at Montrose (Crickett Hill) and outside the South Shore Cultural Center at 71st Street and Yates.

A city official said, "The major goal of the Chicago Millenium Celebration is to reinforce the City's vibrant community spirit by creating new links between our diverse neighborhoods, and preparing Chicago to face the challenges of the 21st Century and the third millennium."

He added, "This unique fireworks display will be symbolic of an explosion of unity and a stronger future for Chicago as we celebrate the dawning of a new era."

Viewers are invited to gather at their favorite location by 11:30 p.m. and get their final chance to learn the "Milly," the official dance commissioned by the city

cuss. Garfield-Ridge collected more than 40 gifts from local businesses to raffle off at the party as an annual fundraising effort.

Clearing had a visit from Santa Claus to get into the holiday spirit at their event. Both clubs wish their respective communities a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year. Both clubs also encourage more participation from working age families.

With both of these communities founded on blue collar workers and government employees, their input on community activities is greatly appreciated.

for the millenium celebration.

The Amoco building will become the Millenium countdown clock while Buckingham Fountain will offer a spectacular countdown with a laser and fireworks show. The Amoco building is participating in the program in recognition of being renamed the Aon Center in 2001.

The extravaganza can be heard on radio and seen on TV. The live fireworks show "Millenium to Music" will be simulcast on the new 103.5 THE BEAT, the official radio station for the New Year's Eve. Fireworks Lakefront Extravaganza. The public can view the entire fireworks presentation on a number of local television stations.

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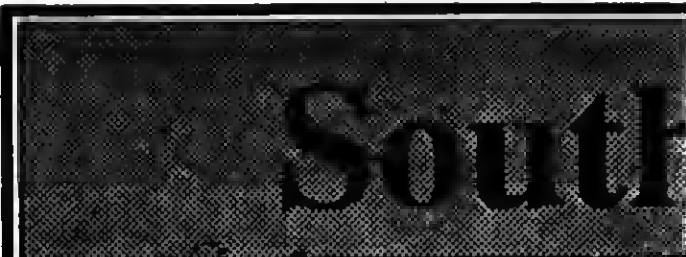
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Legacy of Congress award given to Palos Park Women's Club

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Palos Park meeting of December 13, 1999, Congresswoman Judy Biggert gave the Local Legacy of Congress award to the Palos Park Woman's Club.

Under the consent agenda all items were approved including the following:

1) Approval of payment of invoices on the warrant dated December 13 in the amount

of \$1,166,932.53.

2) Approval of a grant of easement between Palos Township Highway District and the village for a portable water booster station located at 10102 W. 125th Street.

3) Adopt an ordinance in regard to the purchases of a vehicle through a lease/purchase agreement with Ford Credit Company. A 2000 Ford Truck at a cost of \$44,977 which includes installation of after purchase

accessories, as approved at the meetings of September 13 and November 8.

4) Approval of letter of commitment to fund the local share of future Idot surface transportation program road improvement projects, as discussed at the meeting of November 2, 1999.

Under old business, Engineer Pat Jones introduced the agreement with Inter-Continental Development for construction of a water main ex-

tension on the east side of Route 45.

The Plan Commission introduced to the council five recommendations which were approved. These were:

1) Revision to Village Code Chapter 1270.06, bulk regulations regarding planned developments.

2) Amendment to Village Code Chapter 1284, regarding signs.

3) Request for a street vacation for a portion of 94th Avenue-Mr. and Mrs. Schoneich, 9345 W. 119th Street.

4) Revision to Revised McCord PUD Plat-Lot 3, McNaughton Development.

5) Review lighting, land-

scape and signage for Palos Petroleum, 12301 80th Avenue, Christ Nikopolus.

Mayor Moran made an announcement that the Village offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 for the Christmas Holiday. They will also be closed on December 31 in observance of

The U.S Census Bureau has employment opportunities available in Palos Park for the year 2000 census. The pay scale is \$11.00-\$14.50 per hour. If interested, please contact the local census office in Lemont at (630)243-6125 ex.106.

Mayor Moran concluded the meeting by wishing all a safe and joyous Holiday.

Mayor's senior luncheon

by Annette Dixon

The mayor of Chicago Ridge, Eugene Siegel introduces this daughter and granddaughter to his photographer at the recent Chicago Ridge senior luncheon.

Some of the senior and police and fire officers stopped to have their picture taken.



Palos Hills gets stricter codes on garbage

By Carlene O'Connor

At the City Council meeting of December 16, Palos Hills 4th Ward Alderman Joel Tomas served as Mayor.

Under Golf and Administration, Alderman Galatte announced that the golf course will be considered a "warming center" this winter. He stated that fees for the banquet room were discussed with Jay Durham and will be available at the next meeting.

Alderman Scurek announced under finance a vendor warrant dated December 14, 1999 in the amount of \$168,296.58. It was approved by the council.

Temporary offices for the Park Department will be at 8017 103rd Street. If you have any questions regarding upcoming activities, contact the Park Department at 430-4500.

Alderman Pacek introduced a bid from Greenrys Landscape in the amount of \$228,113 for equipment for the city's seven parks. It was approved by the council.

Alderman Mier announced under Planning and Zoning that there will be a meeting February 7, 2000 for an unequal lot split at 10019 S. 90th Avenue. The petitioner

reads as follows:

A) All household garbage shall be drained, wrapped in paper, and stored in durable, rust-resistant, non-absorbant, water-tight store-bought containers with tight fitting covers and adequate handles (not less than two) to facilitate collection. No such containers required under this subsection shall exceed the capacity of 30 gallons.

Section 2: Section 8.48 of Title 8 of the Palos Hills Municipal Code is amended and reads as follows:

"The offering for sale of two or more vehicles at the same time on private property residentially zoned for single family use is prohibited. In districts which are residentially zoned for multiple family use, only one vehicle for sale, at one time, per unit is allowed. The vehicle which is offered for sale must be registered to an occupant of a unit on that premise. At no time and under no circumstances is the offering for sale of a junk vehicle or the sale of vehicle parts permitted on open areas on private property upon which it is situated is licensed

to a motor vehicle constitutes an offering for sale and is prohibited unless specifically allowed herein.

Section 3: The following provision shall be added to Title 8 of the Palos Hills Municipal Code as Section 8.48.635:

All parking lots are to be maintained free of the accumulation of rubbish and garbage. Parking lots are to be sealed on a regular basis to prevent cracking and breaking of pavement. Parking lots in commercial, industrial and multiple family developments shall be striped so as to clearly delineate parking spaces, safety areas, and spaces for handicapped parking. If other areas are painted, such as parking bumpers, curbing or speed bumps, they must be maintained whenever necessary to prevent fading, chipping, or cracking of paint. Parking space bumpers and parking lot curbing are to be maintained and be free from cracks and crumbling and if supported or secured by metal posts or other devices, the supportive device or post shall not be exposed but shall be situated completely within the

bumper or curb so that safety risks are minimized. All areas abutting parking lots which are landscaped must be maintained to prevent the growth of weeds and wild plants. The owner of the property shall be liable for any violation.

Before the meeting adjourned, acting Mayor Tomas said a double shift of police officers shall be employed the night of New Year's Eve. He wished all a Merry Christmas on behalf of Mayor Bennet and the City Council.



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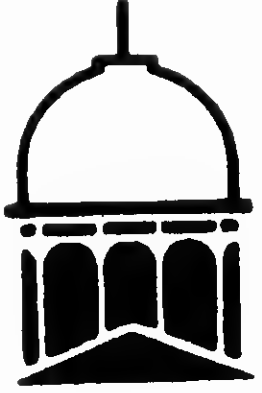
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WITNESS

Sandra Stark

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